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So... you're a Pokémon fan, are you? Well, you've come to the right place then! You are holding the UK's... no, scrub that... the world's best read for Pokémaniacs! Crammed into this issue we've got stuff about the new *Pokémon Ranger* sequel and the cartoon episode that goes with it. We've got the latest on the new *Mystery Dungeon* games, including English packaging and we've got some really exciting screenshots and info on *Super Smash Bros Brawl* for Wii. All this plus a review of *Dragon Quest Monsters: Joker* and a free console carry case – we're brilliant!

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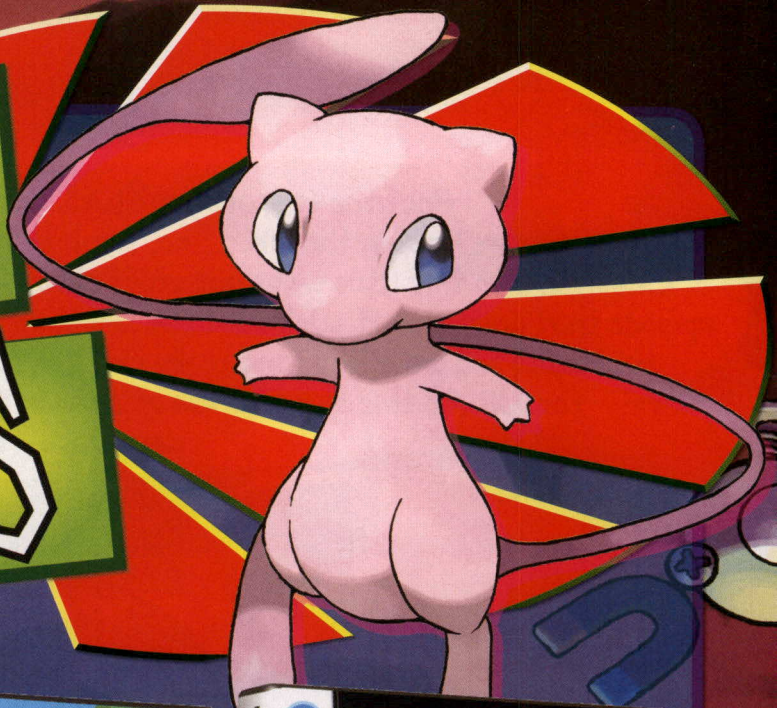
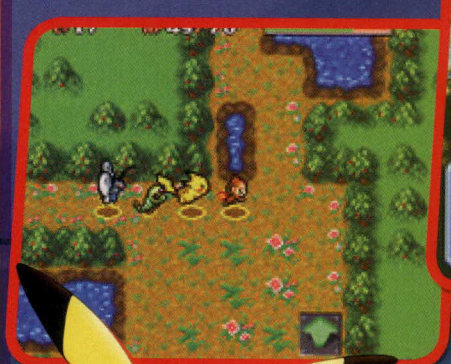


Dungeon Games get new names

Treasure Town holds a whole new set of adventures for Pokémon fans as Nintendo prepares to release the sequels to *Pokémon Mystery Dungeon*...

Releasing in the USA on 20 April, Nintendo of America has announced the new names for the *Mystery Dungeon* sequels that we've been getting excited about over the last few issues. They're called *Pokémon Mystery Dungeon Explorers Of Time* and *Explorers Of Darkness*.

Both games start out in a very similar way to the previous instalments with the question, "Ever wondered what it would be like to become a Pokémon?" The answers you give to a set of questions about your personality determines the Pokémon you become out of 16 starter monsters. In your new Pokémon skin you must talk to and team up with other Pokémon as you explore the land and journey through time and darkness.



It's another Chunsoft production and the game is made up of randomly generated dungeons, dungeons populated this time by the full quota of 493 Pokémon from the *Diamond* and *Pearl* adventures. *Explorers Of Time* and *Darkness* has also been enhanced with new Wi-Fi options allowing players to take part in wireless rescue operations, and even send out Wi-Fi alerts to friends with a copy of the game asking to be rescued. Alerts can now also be sent via email or mobile text message, ensuring that someone will come running when you're in trouble – probably in the shape of Piplup or Turtwig! More new screenshots next issue.

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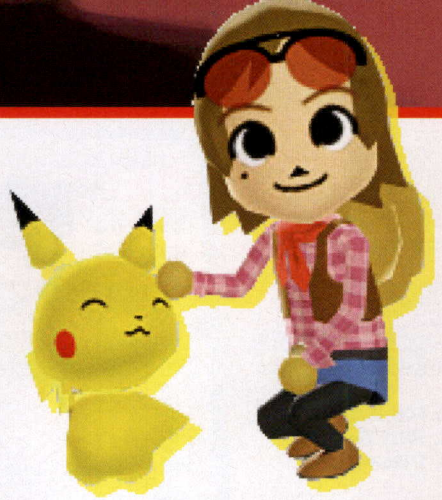
Welcome to the Ranch!

Downloadable soon on a Wii near you! *Everyone's Pokémon Ranch* is looking like a great way to spend an hour or two!



Developed by a newcomer to the world of Pokémon, Ambrella, *Everyone's Pokémon Ranch* is the confirmed English name for this cool game that will be released exclusively as a WiiWare title. What does that mean? It means it's one of those little games you can download for your Wii if you've got it connected to the internet.

Got some friends who also own a Wii? Well, you can take snapshots of your favourite Pokémon on the ranch and send these to them via Wi-Fi. You'll find the Pokémon chatting away to each other, doing little dances and falling asleep!

All the Pokémon you have collected on your travels around *Diamond* and *Pearl* can be uploaded to the ranch where you can take better care of them. They all appear in glorious cartoony-3D versions of themselves and your Mii character (computer version of yourself, for those not familiar) can interact with them for hours of fun!

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11th Pokémon Movie Has Another Title Change!

Giratina and the Sky's Bouquet: Shaymin now confirmed as the Japanese title for the new Pokémon movie!

It's partly because Nintendo and the Pokémon Company like to release little nuggets of information, slowly feeding us *Pokémon* fans and partly because we very often mistranslate things from Japanese, but it seems the title of the 11th Pokémon movie has changed again! This must be it this time, though, as Japanese gaming magazines have also been showing off some cool new artwork of the Pokémon Shaymin by *Pokémon* artist supreme Ken Sugimori.

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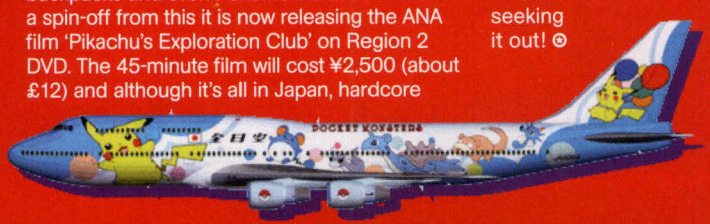
In this cool new movie it seems that Giratina has two forms. There's the Giratina that you may have seen in the *Pokémon Diamond* or *Pearl* DS games, known as 'another form' and a new 'origin form' that is yet to be seen anywhere in the world!

New Pikachu Film

All Nippon Airways launches a new *Pokémon* short film...

Over in Japan the airline ANA has long been famous for covering its planes with *Pokémon* artwork. The company also runs a Pokémon kids' club for its younger passengers, showing exclusive *Pokémon* movies, giving away backpacks and even *Pokémon*-branded food! As a spin-off from this it is now releasing the ANA film 'Pikachu's Exploration Club' on Region 2 DVD. The 45-minute film will cost ¥2,500 (about £12) and although it's all in Japan, hardcore *Pokémon* fans might think it's worth seeking it out!



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Name the publisher of Cooking Mama 2 in the UK. Is it...

A. 505 Games
B. 1001 Games
C. 1 Game Only

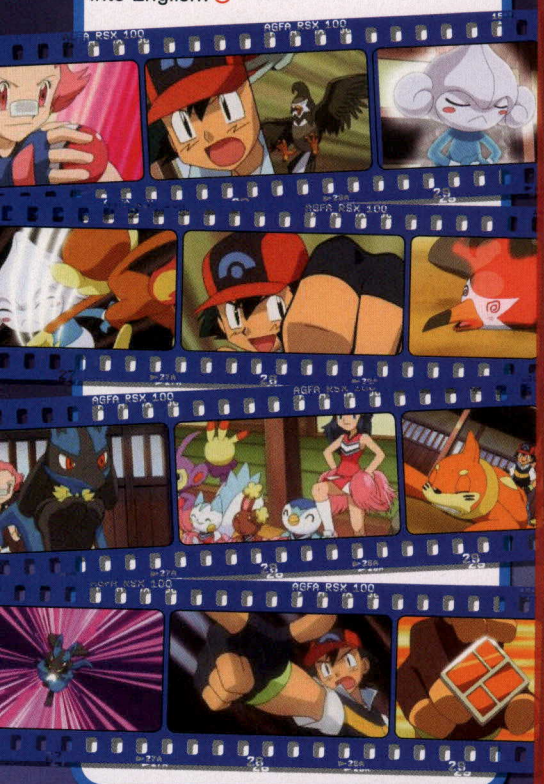
Get your entries to us by 1 May 2008.

On TV in Japan...

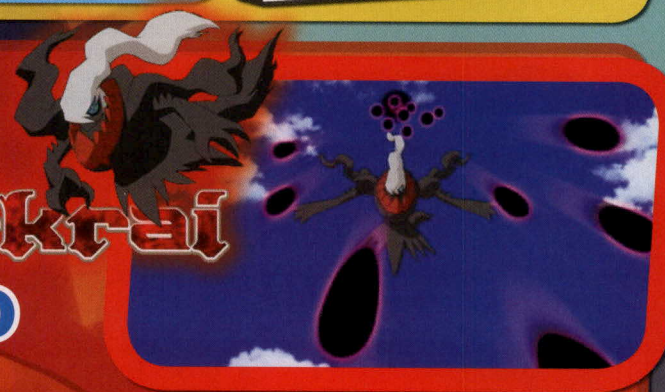
Check out the latest episode of the Pokémon anime series to air in Japan called *'Veilstone Gym! Lucario VS Buizel!'*

Wow, we're up to episode 536 now and the *Pokémon* TV series is still going strong. This story follows Maylene as she accepts Ash's battle challenge. The girl has regained her Pokémon battle confidence after fighting with Dawn.

Ash has a really tough battle on his hands as they start a three-on-three fight. Maylene uses Meditite, Machoke and Lucario, while Ash brings out Buizel, Chimchar and Staravia. This one is really going to test Ash's Pokémon-battling skills to the max. Can he finally win his third Sinnoh Badge? Well, we'll find out when this episode is translated into English!



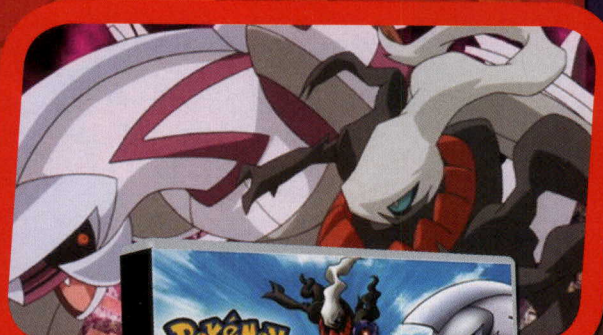
Pokémon The Rise of Darkrai



USA DVD release of 10th Pokémon movie

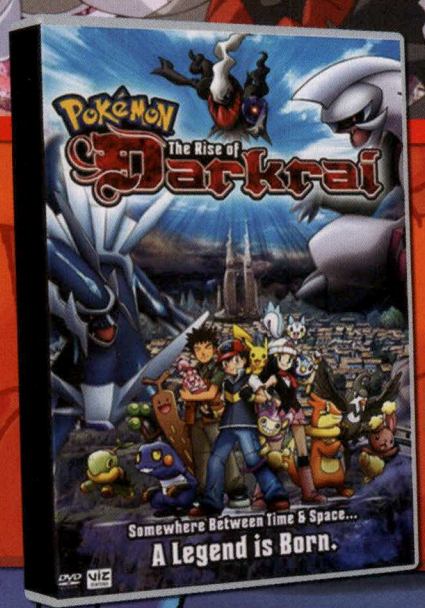
After premiering on Cartoon Network last month in the States, the DVD release of *'The Rise Of Darkrai'* has now been announced

On 24 February our American cousins were treated to a 'one night only' extravaganza of Pokémon goodness on Cartoon Network that included the Western premiere of the tenth *Pokémon* movie entitled *The Rise Of Darkrai*. We now learn that the movie will be available to buy on Region 1 DVD on 27 May. Got a multi-region DVD player? Grab a copy online!



Ash Ketchum thought he had seen everything in the world of Pokémon but even he is amazed when the mysterious Darkrai confronts him and his friends. They are all on their way to a Pokémon Contest when they come across Alamos Town, home to a Time-Space Tower. Something is causing terrible nightmares for the citizens of the town and a guy called Baron Alberto blames the mysterious Pokémon Darkrai.

Who is Darkrai? Is this new Pokémon friendly, or something for Ash to be wary of? As the skies over Alamos Town darken, a tear appears and out blast Palkia and Dialga ready to fight the Pitch-Black Pokémon. The battle is so fierce it threatens to tear a hole in the space-time continuum itself. Can Ash and his companions survive the battle and discover the true nature of Darkrai? Probably.



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Pokémon Ranger special episode!

TV Tokyo to air a special episode of the *Pokémon* anime series to coincide with the release of the new *Pokémon Ranger* game!

Bringing together the *Pokémon* videogame and TV series worlds in perfect harmony, TV Tokyo, the company that creates the TV series, has been busy preparing a special one-hour-long episode entitled *'Pokémon Ranger! The Wave-Guiding Riolu'*. This new episode was shown for the first time on 20 March in Japan, the same day that *Pokémon Ranger Batonnage*, the new *Ranger* Nintendo DS game, was released to Japanese gamers.

In this special episode the character Pokémon Hunter J returns as a horrible lady villain. Hunter J is a nasty piece of work. With the help of her henchmen she pops up and attempts to steal Pokémon from Trainers and sell them on for a profit. She first appeared in the episode *'Mutiny In The Bounty'*.

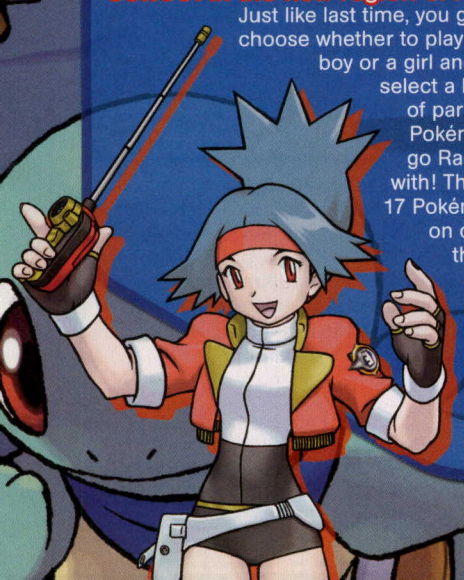
If you can't wait for these great episodes to appear on your TV, try doing an internet search, you can often find trailers and clips to enjoy on your PC or Mac.

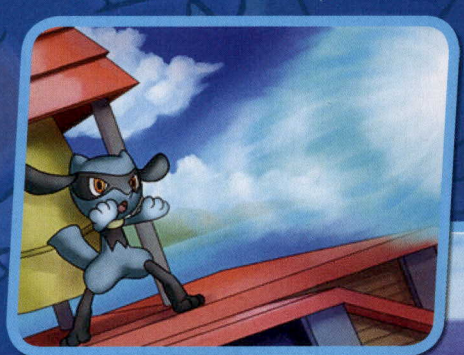
Ranger Batonnage releases in Japan

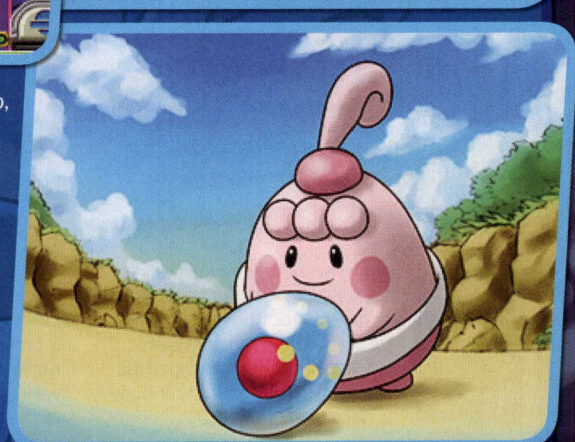
Pokémon videogame fans in Japan got their hands on the new *Pokémon Ranger* game on 20 March, we'll get it later on this year

Following on from the story above where we brought you some exclusive pictures from the special *Pokémon Ranger* TV episode that aired in Japan to accompany the release on *Pokémon Ranger Batonnage* on Nintendo DS, here is the game itself!

The sequel to the highly popular *Pokémon Ranger* takes place in a school in the new region of Allumia. Just like last time, you get to choose whether to play as a boy or a girl and then select a bunch of partner Pokémon to go Rangering with! There are 17 Pokémon on offer this time around:







Munchlax, Mime Jr., Kricketot, Machop, Chimchar, Piplup, Turtwig, Pachirisu, Cranidos, Shieldon, Croagunk, Starly, Snover, Misdreavus, Sneasel, Hipopotas and Gible. The game has been enhanced in many ways, including the ability to collect power-up cards throughout the adventure to give your Capture Styler a bit more pep, the ability to ride on Pokémon in the water, a bit like the Surf ability in *Diamond* and *Pearl* and the addition of lots of side-quests to complete outside of the main mission. We can't wait to play it!

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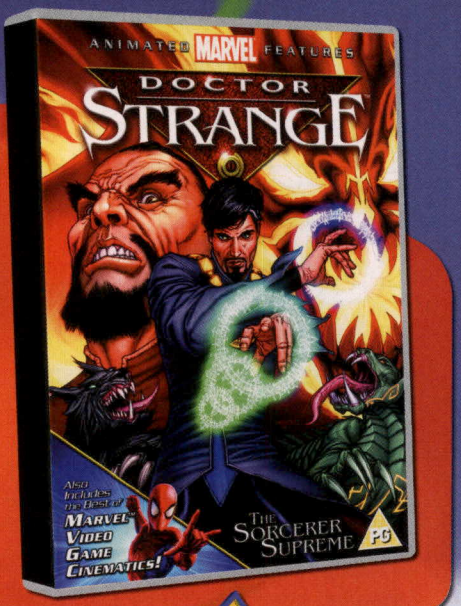
Name one of Marvel Comics most famous characters, first published back in 1962...

A. Hedgehog-Man
B. Spider-Man
C. Cow-Man

Please get your entries in by 1 May 2008. Winners will be drawn at random from the Publisher's big hat. The best of luck to you all!



Pokémon GTS Global Trade Station

Here's an update of what's hot and what's not on GTS...

As of 3 March 2008 (the date this issue is going to press) the number one country for Pokémon trades through the Pokémon Global Trade Station is the USA – the Americans have pushed the Japanese off the top spot. The UK was in number four position, which is two better than last month – keep on trading folks, get us up to number one! Try this cool website out for yourself, it's well worth it!

Top 10 Pokémon traded on the GTS...

1. Dialga
2. Palkia
3. Milotic
4. Piplup
5. Turtwig
6. Spiritomb
7. Mewtwo
8. Chimchar
9. Eevee
10. Garchomp

No. of Pokémon deposited on the GTS...

88,782

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Pokémon Diamond Version Pearl Version Character Profile

Riley

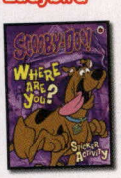
Another Pokémon Trainer from Sinnoh, he joins you for a special event in the games. This guy first appears at Iron Island, using a Lucario in his battles. He prefers to fight with Pokémon that rely on physical attacks. If you finish the event with him he will reward you with a Riolu egg. It is said that Byron asked Riley to become a Gym Leader, but Riley refused, saying that Byron's son Roark should be asked first. To quote the man himself, "To share in all the joys and all the sorrows... this is how all the Trainers and Pokémon live in Sinnoh!" 'Nuff said!

Down the book shop

We take a look at the latest top books from Puffin Books...

Scooby-Doo: Where are you? Sticker Activity

Ladybird



Join everybody's favourite cartoon dog for lots of sticker fun in this cool book out this month. There are plenty of colourful activities and games to keep *Scooby-Doo* fans busy for hours!

Fright Night: The Shrieking Stones

Steve Rogers

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I, Nigel Dorking

Mary-Anne Fahey

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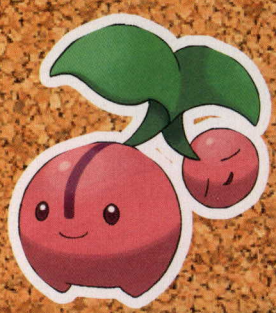
POKÉCHAT

What is the difference between my dad and a Snorlax?
Nothing!
From Jess Baggins, Perth

Is this the best Pokémon bedroom ever? Hi, my name is Taylor and I am eight years old. My favourite Pokémon is Manaphy. Does anyone have a cooler bedroom than me?

If you've had a cool paint job done on your bedroom, then why not take a few pics of it and send them in to us at Pokémon World – fame awaits you!

Which is the grumpiest Pokémon?
Krabby!
From Simon Best, Poole



POKÉMON FAN FICTION

Plusle to the Rescue

By Madeleine Mollicone, age ten, Alford

In the small town of Block all the Pokémon lived in harmony. There were two Pokémon: Eevee and Vulpix, they were great friends. But one day when the two went out into the woods they got very lost, they were scared. Vulpix heard a rustling coming from the bushes. She went to investigate, "What is it?" Evee asked in a worried tone of voice. "I don't kno..." Vulpix broke off. "Run!" a Pokémon shouted. Eevee looked up, "Awesome! Come on, I think we should do what she said!" So Vulpix and Eevee ran away.

Meanwhile... "Drat! We came this close to catching them!" "I know Jane, but...", "But what, Andrew?!" Jane snapped back at Andrew. "Well, what would we want with an Eevee and a Vulpix?" Andrew asked, "Well..." Jane said thoughtfully, "Well, I suppose we could, you know, give them... well, I hadn't really thought of that."

"That's it this time, Team Salom!" A girl's voice echoed through the mountain range. "Jane, I still think we should have chosen Team Dragon." Andrew drawled on in a whispered and hurried voice. "I don't care what you think Andrew!" Jane answered back. "Enough chit-chat," a man's voice said. "Who are you anyway?" Jane asked.

"I'm Ryan and this is Emma." Ryan answered. "I will find those two Pokémon." Emma said, "Come on Plusle." "Minun you know what to do."

Back To Eevee and Vulpix...
..."Where are we?" Vulpix asked. "I don't know," Eevee said. They came to a clearance in the mountains where there was a big forest. Emma came to them and took out her Capture Styler. "Capture on!" She said and she caught both Eevee and Vulpix. "Come on, I'm taking you to a Ranger Station. Plusle lead the way."

At the Ranger Station Plusle asked where they lived. "We live in Block. Why?" Eevee said. "Well, I might know where the town is, and... well, in fact, I do." Plusle said. So Plusle took Eevee and Vulpix back to Block and the two Pokémon lived in peace once again.

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FROM THE FORUM

porygonfan says:
Why can you trade Legendary Pokémon in games when there is only supposed to be one of them? To be accurate they shouldn't have allowed that, cause then you can have, let's say, six Celebis in battle.

Gryphie says:
!blinkz! !blinks some more! The anime was based on the game. In the game there are probably more than one Legendary of each species. And I like to think of each separate game (like my Diamond and this guy's Diamond are separate games) game as alternate realms, where you can trade different versions of Legendaries.

BGVM22 says:
The games are the source material from which all other iterations are adapted. It is, in fact, impossible for the games to 'get it wrong.'

itsme says:
Sorry but in the Celebi movie, it proves that there IS more than one Legendary (except for Mewtwo) in the anime world.

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Knock, knock!
Who's there?
Ivysaur.
Ivysaur who?
I've a sore knuckle from all this knocking!

Dear Pokémon World, I am here to tell you about when I won a competition in your magazine! The game was Pokémon Pearl. I am already up to Gym Leader number eight! My favourite Pokémon is Dialga and Palkia! From the best Pokémon fan in the universe, Felix Pople!

This is I, The Shadow Black Kat. I'm 16 years old and my favourite Pokémon is Eevee and my favourite characters are Misty and James as they are a lot like me – in a disturbing way lol! Anyway... I was browsing though some magazines at WHSmith's the other day and came across your magazine. I bought it as I have been a fan of Pokémon since I was nine years old when it first came on CITV of December 1999 and I have never stopped loving it. Also, it opened doors for me in entertainment, as this was my first anime programme. Now I watch other anime and Manga too, but nothing compares or is even equal to Pokémon's charm. For me, the best characters are Team Rocket, as they are hilariously funny. I watched them on YouTube, it's a great site and has loads of Pokémon videos to watch absolutely free.
From Katherine Furniss, 16, via email

Check out The Shadow Black Kat's pic in Pika Pics!

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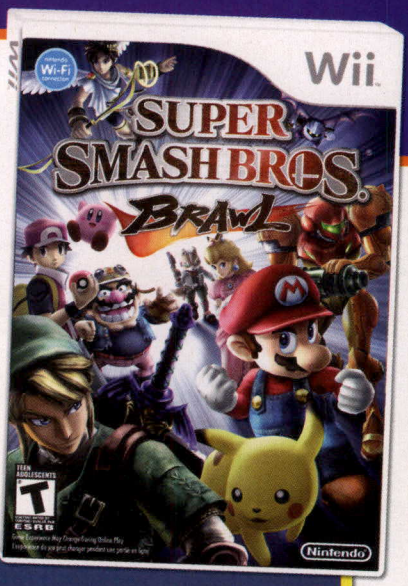


Think of this as a new *Pokémon* game – it's crammed full of monsters!

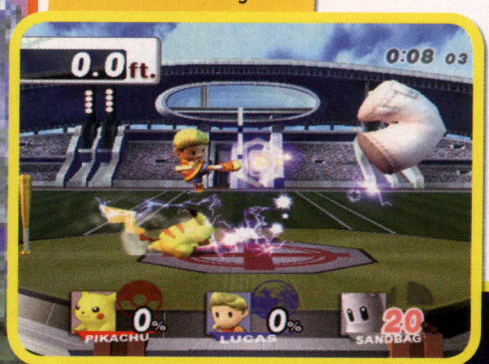
Format Nintendo Wii
Publisher Nintendo • **Game type** Beat-'em-up
Release Coming on 30 April – not long now
Info Packed with exciting *Pokémon* stuff!

Nintendo's long-awaited *Super Smash Bros* sequel will soon be hitting a videogame shop near you and you should be excited! The game has so many Pokémon secrets hidden within it you'll probably never find them all! We take a look...

We always thought Nintendo games were so friendly. Mario and the Princess are in love, Pikachu is a chirpy little chap, Link would help little old ladies across the road before rushing off to help Zelda. But, no, it seems we were wrong! When they get together, the stars of your favourite console games just start fighting like cats and dogs!

There is a truly incredulous number of Nintendo characters all waiting to be paired against each other in *Super Smash Bros Brawl* – well, 37 to be precise – including a good dose of characters that aren't even from the Nintendo stable originally. You'll find the usual suspects Mario, Bowser, Donkey Kong, Link and Kirby plus Solid Snake from the *Metal Gear Solid* series, Zero Suit Samus from *Metroid Prime*, Sonic the Hedgehog and,

It's not all about fighting – this is the Home-Run Contest game.



A TRIP AROUND THE NINTENDO WORLD...

This game plays like a romp through the entire world of Nintendo, with lots of famous locations from some great games that you're sure to recognise as you battle your way through. Here are some of our favourites...

MARIO BROS.
A level from one of Mario's very first games make fighting even harder!

GREEN HILL ZONE
Sonic's famous landscape in a Nintendo fighting game – how odd!

SPEAR PILLAR
This is the place where Dialga and Palkia are found in the land of Sinnoh.

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Wow, the original *Donkey Kong* game turned into a 3D level – one for Retro fiends!

POKÉMON STADIUM 2
The level transforms from Electric to Ground, Flying and Ice as you battle!

MARIO CIRCUIT
From the realm of *Super Mario Kart* comes a figure of eight course.

Eat a Mario mushroom and your character turns gigantic, just like in the *Mario* game.

"Who's this guy fighting Meowth?" you ask. His name is Lucas (nice name!) and comes from the game *Mother 3*.

You can even hear and collect *Pokémon* music in the game, there's a special mix of a *Pokémon Stadium* track.

bizarrely, a little guy called Pit from the *Kid Icarus* 1991 Game Boy game – now that *is* obscure!

This is the third instalment of *Super Smash Bros*, the first being on Nintendo 64, the second on GameCube. With the Wii's new powers, this is also the first game of the series to be able to offer online battles through the Nintendo Wi-Fi connection. Of course, it works brilliantly as a one-player game, and four players can slug it out in multiplayer matches too.

Super Smash Bros Brawl is unlike most fighting games. It's not all about knocking out your competitor to win a battle, this game is all about knocking your enemies off the screen. There are no health bars, but each character in the fight has a percentage displayed at the bottom of the play area. This counter starts at 0 per cent and can go up to 999 per cent – the more hits a character takes, the higher the percentage goes and the further back they will fly when smacked again. Depending on the type of game you're playing, the character loses a life or a point when they get kicked out.

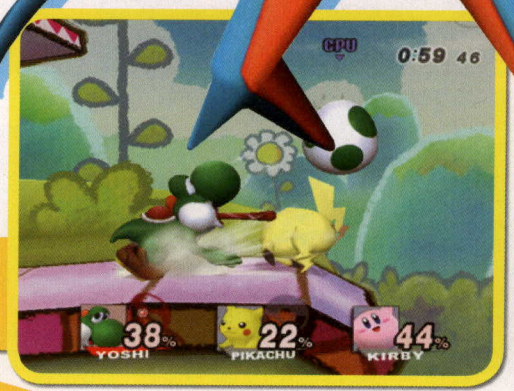
There are basic punches and kicks to use in a fight, plus each character has four special moves to master. To top off the arsenal of attacks, there are also Final Smash moves – one per character. These are super powerful and really quite spectacular when you manage to pull one off. You have to be quick, ▶

THE VIDEOGAME VAULT

Super Smash Bros Brawl is no ordinary fighting game – it's also a museum of brilliant videogames, characters, artwork and music. Throughout each stage you can collect trophies of videogame characters and objects from various games. When you do you will be treated to a nugget of info on that game. There are also stickers to collect of artwork that you can then stick on virtual game scenes and CDs of game music to listen to. All of this is in-game only, of course, but it really makes the title feel like a celebration of Nintendo gaming.

though – waste time and you will lose your Final Smash attack! Around each stage you will find a range of projectiles and melee weapons to pick up and use in your fight too. Then there are Assist Trophies and PokéBalls – these both summon guest characters to join the battle. The PokéBalls are particularly fun for us *Pokémon* fans. All kinds of Pokémon can arrive on screen and do their stuff. You can't control them but they can certainly help you out of a tight spot!

If you've got your Wii hooked up to the net then Nintendo has a bucket full of options for you on their Wi-Fi connection. You can play online multiplayer games against registered friends or random *Smash Bros* fans. While playing, you can even choose one of four phrases to taunt your opponent with, just to get their blood boiling. If you don't fancy taking part but want to see some *Brawl* action then you can use the Spectator mode where you get to watch two players somewhere in the world battle each other. You can bet on the outcome with coins and even win a jackpot if you choose wisely! When you do play an online game, you can take snapshots of your fight to post online at a later date – Nintendo has thought of everything. Then there's the brilliant Stage Builder mode where you can make, share and play stages via Wi-Fi! See our box 'Setting the stage' on the left for more.



Yoshi Vs Pikachu Vs Kirby, eh? Who would win the fight? Well, we would have to say Pikachu really, the other two are a bit soft!

SETTING THE STAGE...

Do you get fed up with your games easily? Well, this one includes an ingenious Stage Builder where you can create your very own levels of classic Nintendo games! You can then submit them to the boffins at Nintendo, and they will pick the best ones each day and send them out to everyone's Wii. Wow – your stage could be played by people all around the world – and you get new ones yourself once a week!

As you can see by glancing around these action-packed pages there are some really exciting Pokémon squirrelled away in this game. Any character can pick up and throw a PokéBall you see, and when it smashes a random Pokémon appears in the battle arena. This monster will attack anyone in its path with its signature special moves. You don't get to control these Pokémon, but it's brilliant fun to see them doing their stuff in glorious 3D. We think they even look better than the ones in *Pokémon Battle Revolution*.

There's a *Pokémon Stadium 2* battle stage to play too where the eagle-eyed of you will spot guest Pokémon appearing in the background. This stage is great fun – it cycles through Pokémon types to make the battle even harder. Electric gives all players a zap, Ground makes mountains grow, Flying boosts all the jump abilities and Ice sends all players slipping and sliding around. There are also secret Pokémon stages that you can unlock. One of them is the Spear Pillar where we found Dialga or Palkia in the *Diamond* and *Pearl* games – but it's a secret, so we didn't tell you about it, okay?

We think you'll agree that *Super Smash Bros Brawl* looks like an incredibly exciting game. *Pokémon Battle Revolution* was good, but the quality of the *Pokémon* graphics, the encyclopedic nature of the game for Nintendo fans, and the fact that underneath it all it's a fun fighting game makes everyone really excited about playing this.

MEET THE GAME STARS...

With 37 characters in the game, you will easily be able to find a few of your favourites to play with. Here is the Pokémon World top ten...

10. SNAKE From the *Metal Gear Solid* games, surely Snake can't be allowed a bazooka?

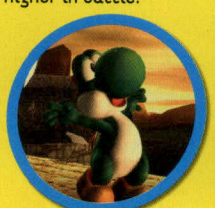
9. FOX Running and flying with speed are Fox's main skills – not killing chickens.

8. DONKEY KONG Maybe DK and Mario can settle that argument that started back in 1981?

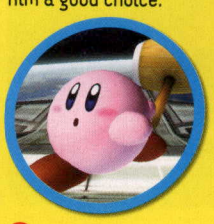
7. LINK Using his Master Sword, Link takes a welcome break from rescuing Zelda!

6. SONIC Didn't you hear? Nintendo and Sega love each other now! Sonic's speed makes him hot!

5. YOSHI Mario's friendly dinosaur uses an Egg Toss move to jump higher in battle.

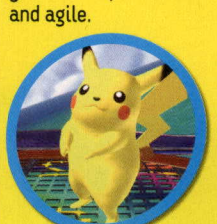


4. KIRBY Stealing the powers of others with his copy ability makes him a good choice.

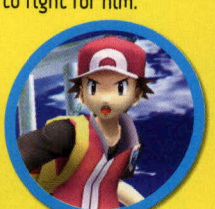


3. LUCARIO A hidden character that must be unlocked, this Aura Pokémon is a high-risk fighter.

2. PIKACHU Its electric moves make this Pokémon a good choice, it's small and agile.



1. POKÉMON TRAINER Cool! He uses Squirtle, Ivysaur and Charizard to fight for him.



MORE NEXT ISSUE!

Super Smash Bros Brawl will be in the shops next issue. Watch out for Pokémon World on sale 1 May where we'll have the full review and lots of tips and strategies for you!

MAKE and do!

Here's a fun project we haven't done for a while – a RotorCopter game, this time starring Dialga and Palkia!

1. GLUE THIS PAGE TO A PIECE OF CARDBOARD FOR STRENGTH.
2. CUT ALONG THE SOLID LINES AND FOLD ALONG THE DOTTED LINES.
3. FOLD FLAP A TOWARDS YOU. FOLD FLAP B AWAY FROM YOU.
4. FOLD TAB C AND D OVER EACH OTHER SO THAT THEY OVERLAP.
5. FOLD THE BOTTOM FLAP UP AND PUT A PAPER CLIP ON IT.
6. NOW HOLD THE ROTOCOPTER BY THE PAPER CLIP AND THROW IT LIKE A BASEBALL AS HIGH AND AS FAR AS YOU CAN. IT WILL SPIN TO THE GROUND.

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DRAGON QUEST MONSTERS-Joker

Format DS • **Price** £29.99
Publisher Square-Enix • **Game type** Role-playing
Release Out now • **Info** Over 200 monsters!

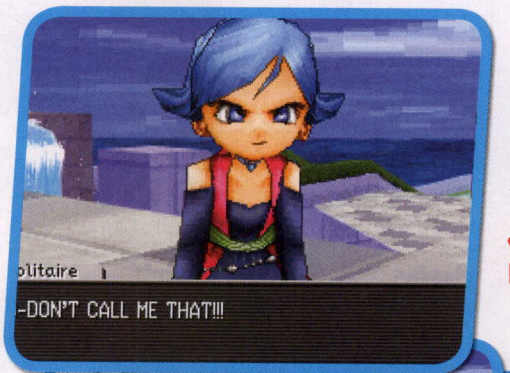
Hunt down a bunch of weird and wonderful monsters, synthesise them together to make new breeds and battle your creations with those of other monster leagues – if you're a fan of Pokémon you're going to love this!

You would think you could rely on your father to be on your side, right? *Wrong*, actually. You start *Dragon Quest Monsters: Joker* banged up in prison for wanting to join the world's most respected monster-battling league – the Monster Scout Challenge. You live on a cluster of mysterious islands known as Green Bays, but the islands aren't as peaceful as they seem because they are full of monsters, large and small. Your dad is Warden Trump, and he's the leader of a mysterious syndicate known as CELL, you see, and he can't have his son going against the organisation's wishes. It's not long before you're released, though – it appears that daddy doesn't mind you catching monsters, as long as it's on a secret mission for him!

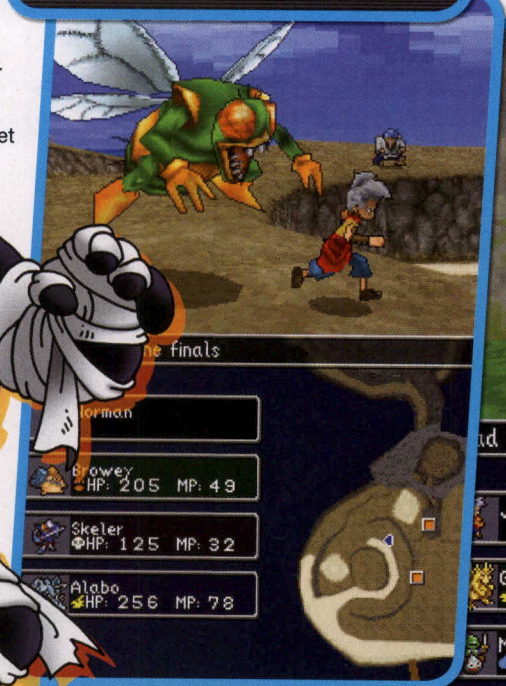
You soon find yourself armed with your first monster and riding a jet-ski to Domus Isle for a great adventure.

There's no denying that the *Dragon Quest* series of games have always been a big rival to *Pokémon* – at the core they are both about collecting and fighting monsters. That doesn't mean that you can't play and love both games, though, and their are subtle differences that set *DQMJ* apart. Everything is viewed from a 3D perspective, for a start – whether it's while adventuring through the cities, islands and buildings of the game or lining up your monsters for a battle. The DS does a great job of displaying the action in all its lovely 3D glory.

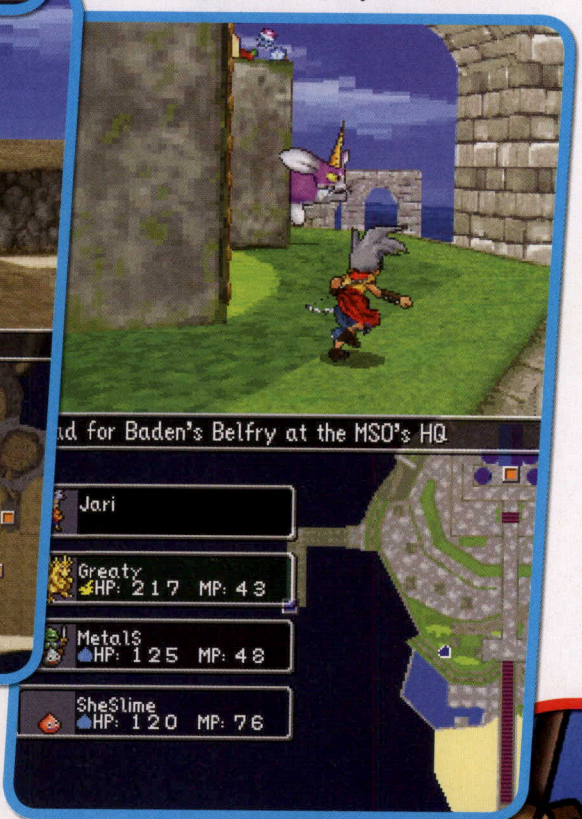
The touch screen is used mainly for maps and selecting battle options for your monsters.



You have a lot of control over how battles are played out too. You can choose to set the game up so that all you need do is tell your monster team to fight and they'll get on with it, or you can control



Look out! There's a giant green fly thing on your back. There's never a giant green fly thing swatter around when you need one, is there?



MEET THE CHARACTERS...

Dragon Quest Monsters: Joker has a great cast of characters, not to mention more than 200 unique monsters to get to know. Here's a look at the stars...

THE HERO
You're a loner, but a brilliant Monster Scout. You wear a scout ring given by...

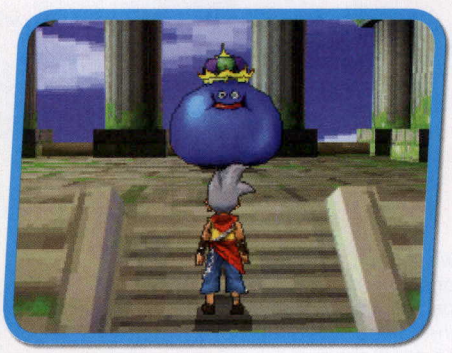
WARDEN TRUMP
Your father is the leader of CELL, a shadowy organisation unknown to most.

DR SNAP
In charge of the Monster Scout Challenge and a famous scientist.

SOLITAIRE
From the moment you meet this girl, you know you're on a collision course!

THE INCARNUS
Joining you on your adventure is this wolf pup who can speak English perfectly!

MONSTERS
More than 200 of them, and they break down into various groups for Synthesising!



each of them directly, selecting the best moves for the monsters they are up against and telling them specifically who to attack and when.

One of the keys to success as a Monster Scout is learning all about Synthesising. This is where you take two monsters you have caught and combine their characteristics to create an entirely new beast. The new monster often goes on to be even more powerful, and you'll find that some monsters can only be found in the game by Synthesising, they're not just roaming around Green Bays. Sadly, you lose the two monsters you used, but you gain strong, more impressive ones to use in your monster battle team.

You can create monster allies as you come across new beasts too in a process called Scouting. You command all of the monsters in your team to perform a show of force. If this is scary enough, you'll soon have the new monster wanting to join you and it will gain a mark that shows you have befriended this beast.

You take a bit of a rabbit-like monster, add some moles and you get a beast that looks like a tiger – or something like that!

Want to do some DS Wireless monster battling? Then *Dragon Quest Monsters: Joker* has plenty of options for you. You can select between a Standard Battle where two players select three monsters and simply go head-to-head in a brawl or an Elimination Tourney where you can get a group of players together, each select three monsters and fight up to five battles in a row. You can also exchange monsters wirelessly. Plus, if you switch Chance Encounter Battles on, your DS will spring into life if it comes across another DS with the game plugged in – cool! To finish things off nicely there is even a Wildcard World Cup where you can test your monster team against others around the world! Top monster-mashing stuff!

+ Points With 3D graphics, hundreds of monsters, great special moves and the depth that comes with Synthesising your monsters to create new ones, there's certainly lots to see and do here!

- Points It's great to see the adventure in 3D, but this brings with it little niggling problems like occasional bad viewpoints and popping up characters.

Final comments Finished *Pokémon Diamond* or *Pearl*? Well, this is your next DS game then. Packed with monsters, a cool storyline and enough wireless play and Wi-Fi mode to satisfy!

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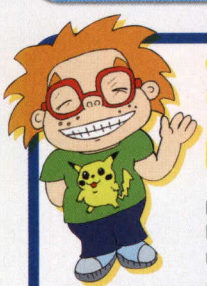


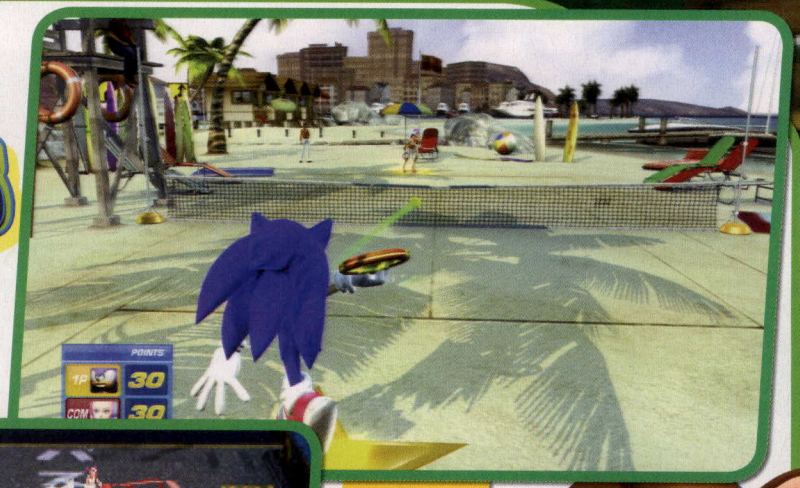
I've been a long time Pokémon nut and never really got in to the *Dragon Quest* series, but playing *Dragon Quest Monsters: Joker* came as a pleasant surprise. It's a bit like *Pokémon* in places, but maybe more advanced in others. The 3D graphics, for a start – they make better use of the DS than the semi-3D *Pokémon* graphics do, but then I kind of like the old-school look too. With lots of monsters to catch, breed and fight, you're going to get a kick out of this game for sure!

Stu Yew

HAVE YOU DONE A QUEST?

The *Dragon Quest* games have been colossally successful all around the world since the original was released in Japan back in 1986. They're actually the 14th biggest-selling videogame franchise, would you believe? This new instalment exclusively for Nintendo DS sold 1 million copies in the first four weeks and brings online multiplayer options into the mix for the first time using the DS's Wi-Fi and wireless capabilities. All the *Dragon Quest* artwork is the work of one man – Akira Toriyama. Great stuff, Akira!

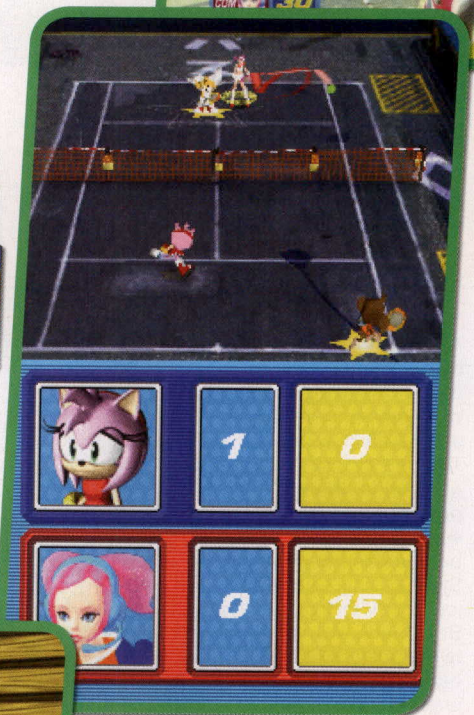
SEGA SUPERSTARS tennis



Format Wii, DS, Xbox 360, PS3, PS2 • **Price** £29.99-£49.99
Publisher Sega • **Game type** Sports
Release Out now • **Info** Packed with Sega characters!

It's tennis, but set in a wonderful themepark-style world made up of locations and characters from the Sega universe. Sounds cool, and it truly is cool!

Sega is the king of tennis videogames with top titles like *Virtua Tennis*, and it has got a cast of wonderful characters in its back catalogue too. Put the two things together and you get *Sega Superstars Tennis* – a wild romp of a tennis game. There are ten tennis courts with locations like Coconut Beach from *OutRun* and Aqua Garden from *NiGHTS*. Visiting these locations and winning tennis games throws up lots of information and facts about the original Sega games – you might learn something! Then there are 16 characters to choose from. Our favourites include Alex Kidd, Amigo from *Samba De Amigo*, NiGHTS, Aiai from *Super Monkey Ball* and, of course, Sonic, Miles and Dr Eggman.

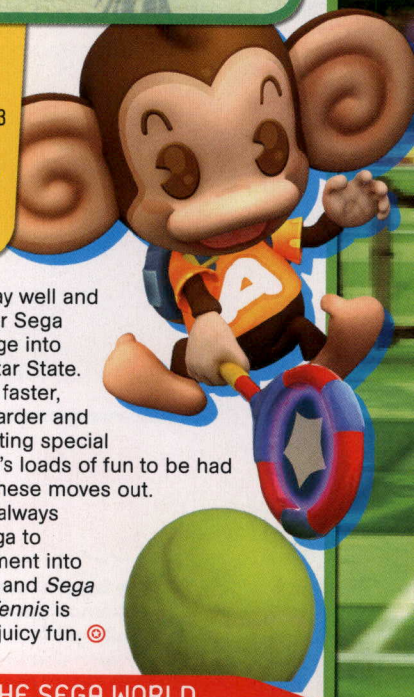


Here's a shot from the PlayStation 3 version. Like the Xbox 360, these games are slicker than most.

Sonic is a natural when it comes to playing tennis because of his super-speedy shoes!

Of course, there's a solid tennis game underneath all this, plus special tournaments and a bunch of mini-games based around famous Sega games. Everything can be played in single-player mode or with up to four others for some multiplayer action. Each character also has a Superstar meter that shows up as stars under their feet. This fills up when you play well and once full your Sega pal will change into their Superstar State. They will run faster, hit the ball harder and perform exciting special moves, there's loads of fun to be had trying all of these moves out.

You can always count on Sega to inject excitement into videogames, and *Sega Superstars Tennis* is packed with juicy fun.



FROM THE SEGA WORLD...

Just imagine if *Sega Superstars Tennis* was an actual theme park – how cool would that be, visiting all these Sega locations and seeing Sega characters wondering around! Sega did experiment with indoor family theme parks back in the Nineties, but sadly many of them have now shut down as they only included arcade games. Come on Sega, do a Disney-style park – we'd visit it!

+ Points If you're a Sega fan, this game is for you. Tennis locations from Sega games, lots of Sega characters, and packed with Sega game facts that might have passed you by. It's a Sega-fest!

- Points Obviously, if you're looking for a serious tennis game this isn't the one. Try *Virtua Tennis* instead – but that's from Sega as well, so the company will be happy!

Final comments Fun, fun, fun! What more could you want from a game? The power moves you get when a character is in its Superstar state really take this game to the next level. Grab a copy today.

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Asterix AT THE OLYMPIC GAMES

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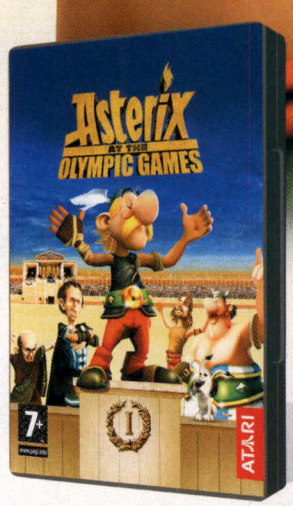

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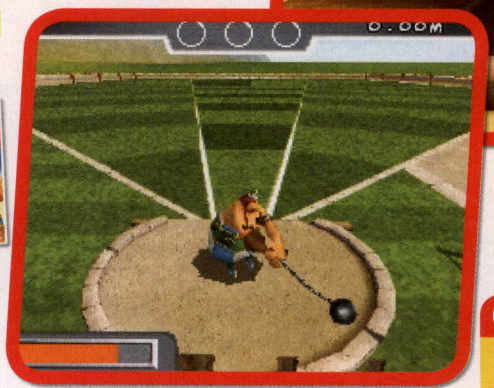
Asterix AT THE OLYMPIC GAMES

Format Wii, PC, DS, PS2 • **Price** £24.99-£34.99
Publisher Atari • **Game type** Sports
Release Out now • **Info** Based on a new movie!

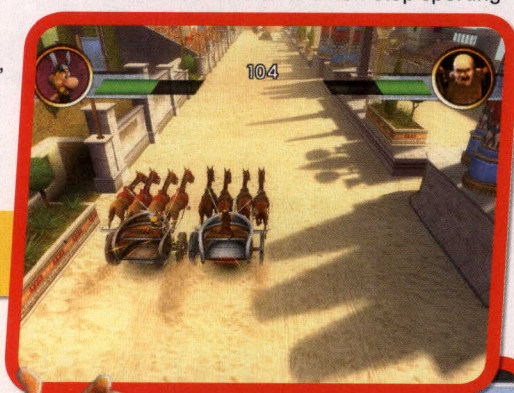
Join Asterix, Obelix and his faithful hound Dogmatix as they travel to Greece on a mission to aid their love-struck friend Lovestorix and end up in the Olympic Games!



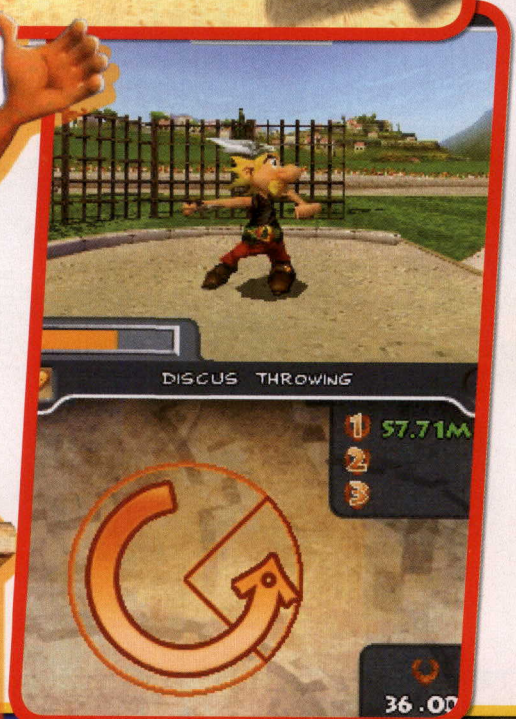
Going head-to-head on the Wii is a great way to play this new *Asterix* game. You can select from 12 characters and there are multiple gameplay styles that must be mastered.

It's certainly a good time to be releasing an Olympics game – Sega and Nintendo have had a go with *Mario & Sonic*, so why can't Asterix, that old faithful French hero, get in on the act?

First came the comic book, then the live-action movie and now we have home and handheld console versions of the film, but done in a comic-book style. Confused? Well, don't be! These games are great fun to play. On the Wii, PS2 and PC you can choose to play through a Adventure mode where you can swap between Asterix and Obelix on the fly and must adventure your way towards Greece, taking on sporting challenges as you go. Or play Antique mode where you simply select one of 12 characters and tackle a host of Olympic sporting events either head-to-head with friends, or against the computer. The Nintendo DS version is a non-stop sporting spectacular with over 120 challenges to take on as either of our Gallic heroes.



Wow, chariot races on your console – how cool is that? You'll need to practice to get good at this!

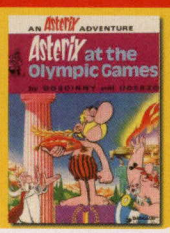


Our favourite events included the Tug Of War, the Hammer Throwing, Javelin and Toadball – some traditional, some wild and wacky events, but none of them are ever dull. The fact that the Wii, PS2 and PC games aren't just a collection of sports events is cool too. There's some platform jumping action to take part in, characters to meet along the way and an exciting story to watch unfold, while stumbling upon and playing the sporting mini-games as you go. Bashing Romans on the chin and knocking them out of their sandals is a scream! On the flip side, the DS only has the sports events, though, but they're still fun all the same.

Whether you want a sporting game to play while you travel, or something to get up off the sofa and have a bash on at home, then these new *Asterix* releases are a blast. You probably only want one Olympics game this year though, so it's a matter of whether you're a Mario and Sonic, or Asterix and Obelix type of person!

THE GAME OF THE FILM OF THE...

Asterix has been a comic book hero since... well, probably before your dad was born! *Asterix At The Olympic Games* was a comic book back in 1968, a movie adaptation has been made for release this year, and here we have the games of the film... phew!



+ Points Lots of events, lots of variety and a fun story to follow on home consoles. Swapping between Asterix and Obelix lets you to get the best out of both characters.

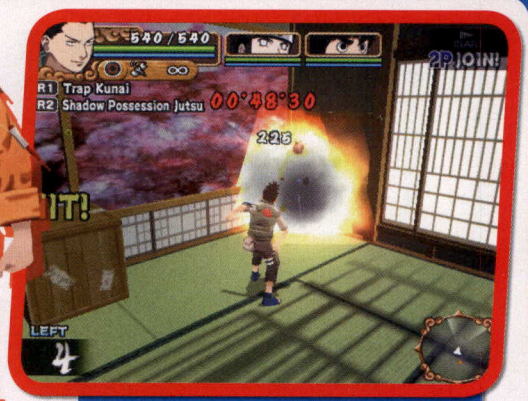
- Points While there's lots of fun to be had from the DS game's mini-game feel, it would have been nice to have included the storyline and adventure for handheld gamers too.

Final comments This is the second *Olympics* game to be released and the games haven't started yet! Get sporty today with this.

POKÉRATING

8/10

NARUTO Uzumaki Chronicles 2



Format PlayStation 2 • Price £29.99
Publisher Bandai • Game type Beat-'em-up
Release Out now • Info Multiplayer Co-op!

There's a new evil for Naruto and his clan to worry about... an ancient organisation, thought long dead, is back and they're not happy!

Joining forces with the Hidden Sand Village, Naruto and his Hidden Leaf Genin have got to sort out the mysterious Shirogane Clan before they can find magical orbs that will resurrect a mechanical horror.

Naruto fans will simply love the way this new story unfolds as the game progresses. There are multiple characters you can play as – Naruto, Shikamaru, Rock Lee and Choji among them – and you can customise your character's speed, strength, stamina and special moves. A second player can also join in the action at any time, working together. Want to know who is the best ninja? Turn against each other in Head-To-Head mode instead and test your skills!

If it's cool ninja moves you're looking for, this game has them in abundance – harness the power of Rasengan, Lightning Blade, Sand Coffin – all straight out of the TV show!

If you buy this *Naruto* game you will no doubt be a fan of the series, so will get a real kick out of this (ha, ha!).

+Points The game isn't too difficult to complete, so *Naruto* fans will be able to see their way through to the end.

-Points There's nothing particularly outstanding about the look or feel of the game – more of the same really.

Final comments This is a fun romp through the world of *Naruto*, but if you're even slightly good at playing games, you will find it far too easy to walk right.

POKÉRATING 7/10

Fire Emblem Radiant Dawn

Format Wii • Price £39.99
Publisher Nintendo •
Game type Strategy/role-playing
Release Now • Info New strategy!

Shape your own armies and take command of the Dawn Brigade in this Wii strategy game!

It's been three years since King Ashnard of Daein invaded Crimea and nearly doomed the world by waking the goddess of chaos! With wars raging, you must take control of a band of freedom fighters and attempt to bring harmony back.

This is true hardcore strategy gaming as the *Fire Emblem* series comes to Wii. It's a turn-based game where you must move your units around a grid system to attack the enemy. Armoured knight units use swords, and mounted cavaliers have lances, while unarmed monks go more for magic with healing staves – it's your job to ensure they all work together to avoid the ruin of the land of Tellius. Being a true strategy RPG, this is going to be a game for fans of the genre only – albeit a good one!

If you're looking for an RPG that uses very traditional gameplay and strategy, then this is the one.

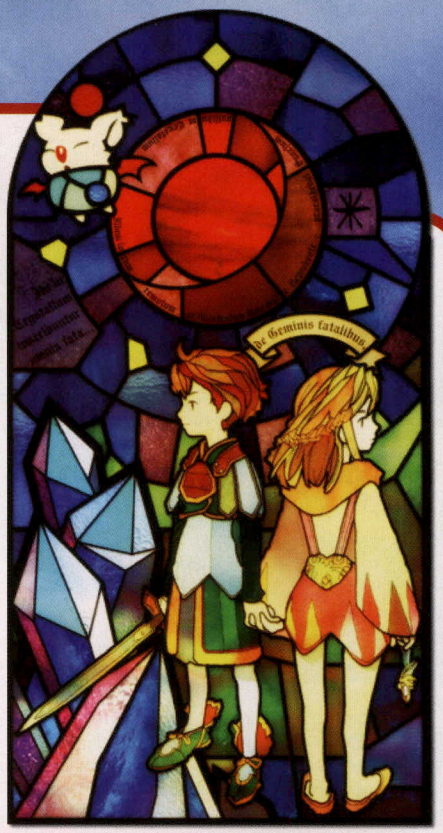
+Points The *Fire Emblem* series has always meant serious and deep strategy. Great, if you like that sort of thing!

-Points The game doesn't make use of any of the unique gameplay features of the Wii like motion-sensing.

Final comments A quality strategy role-playing game in every way, but also one that doesn't move things on far from the GameCube's *Fire Emblem: Path Of radiance*.

POKÉRATING 8/10

FINAL FANTASY® CRYSTAL CHRONICLES™ Ring of Fates™



Format Nintendo DS • **Price** £29.99
Publisher Square-Enix •
Game type Role playing
Release Out now • **Info** four-player with DS wireless

A Great Crystal protects the land from the glow of the blood red moon, but the moon is on the rise, changing the fates of all!

As one of two twins – Yuri and Chelinka – with a shared mystical power, you must take on the quest that faces you and use your special powers to defeat evil, slay monsters and solve puzzles. The key to success is working together, Chelinka using telepathic senses and Yuri his superb strength.

While there's a brilliant one-player story mode in the game it's as a multiplayer experience that *Ring Of Fates* really comes alive. Up to four players can team together in co-operative play through DS wireless – and to make each of you look good there are hundreds of costume combinations and items to collect to customise your heroes – and you can even see the changes on-screen. If you like you can then trade items with your mates.

Levels are played in 3D with elements of exploration, puzzle solving and monster mashing included. Battles take place in real-time too, so no stopping and starting in this DS game.

Ring Of Fates came out in Japan some time ago, but the good news for UK gamers is that Square-Enix has added lots of new content to our version. For a start there are four new quests to take part in! The game is slick and solid with lots of special visual effects showing off what the DS can do as well as music that is a delight to the ears.

A must-have title for both *Final Fantasy* fans and newcomers to this popular role-playing series.

Grab your team of up to four players together and you can help each other out of the tricky situations the game throws up.

Ring of Fates has all the visual flair and slick presentation that all *Final Fantasy* games enjoy. The graphics are a real treat for the eye!

GREAT ARTWORK!

The *Final Fantasy* games have always been famed for their gorgeous artwork direction, and this new instalment on Nintendo DS follows in that trend. Everything from the box art, to the in-game cut-scenes, the website and *even* wallpapers you can download for your PC is simply beautiful.

+ Points It looks great, has a fantastic storyline and the wireless multiplayer action is brilliant fun.

- Points We're struggling to find anything bad to say about this game... oh, well perhaps the viewpoint is a bit close to your character at times.

Final comments This is the best *Final Fantasy* game available on the DS, and with its multiplayer options, great visual style and addictive gameplay, it'll keep you very happy!

9/10

POKÉRATING

Also available this month...

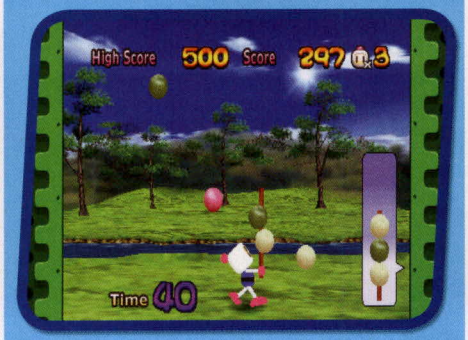
Fishing Master

Format Wii • Price £29.99
Publisher Konami • Game type Sports
Release Out now • Info Just like fishing!

It could be the game the Wii was made for! Using the Nunchuk and Wii Remote *Fishing Master* recreates all the fun and excitement of fishing in your own home – without getting the carpet wet! You get to bait, cast, hook and battle all kinds of fish as you enter tricky fishing tournaments and attempt to become the Fishing Master and make your fisherman grandad proud. You can play in one-player mode and have a calm fishing afternoon by the river, or take the four-player head-to-head multiplayer option. With more than 100 fish swimming around this game and loads of cool options, it's worth a hook!

Bomberman Land

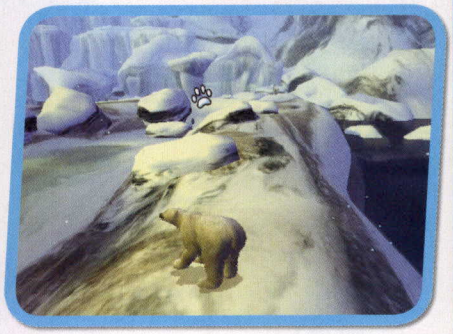
Format PSP, Wii, DS • Price £29.99
Publisher Hudson Soft • Game type Arcade
Release Out now • Info Make a 'Z' on Wii!



Bomberman is one of those console characters that seems to have been around forever. In fact, this is the 74th *Bomberman* game (we counted 'em) since he started 25 years ago. While the whole idea of *Bomberman* is playing with friends, planting bombs for each other to walk into with hilarious consequences, this game introduces a new one-player campaign element that will keep you happy once your mates have all gone home. The Wii game is packed with interactive games using the cool Wii controls, while the DS uses the stylus and microphone and PSP just has lots of fun!

Arctic Tale

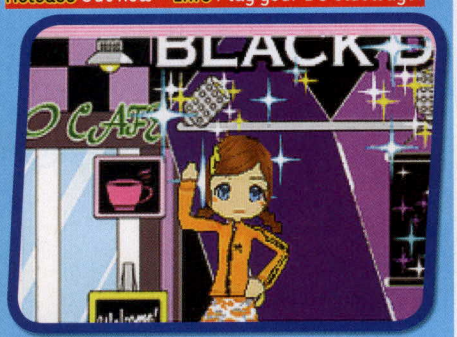
Format DS, Wii • Price £29.99
Publisher Zoo Digital •
Game type Movie tie-in
Release Out now • Info Packed with mini-games



Remember the movie *Arctic Tale* that came out back in 2007? Well this is the game of the movie where you can help either a polar bear or walrus through 12 stages of snowy mountains, turbulent ice sheets and nasty frozen oceans. You hunt for food and fight off predators through a series of mini-games and the games are packed with interesting info from *National Geographic*. While these games are never going to be the most fast-paced videogame experiences, if you love wildlife and enjoyed the documentary film then you will surely enjoy playing around with the stars.

Kira Kira Pop Princess

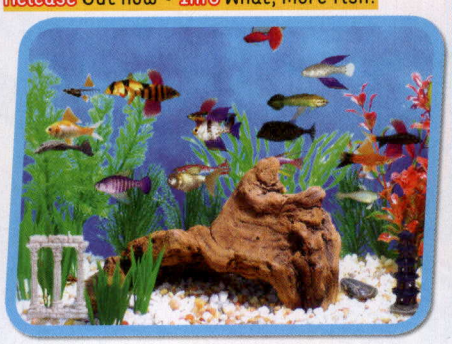
Format Nintendo DS • Price £29.99
Publisher 505 Games • Game type Rhythm
Release Out now • Info Play your DS sideways!



Here's one that's been made with girls in mind. Take on the role of Gaby, a young lass who must learn the moods, style and rhythm of Rainbow City. It's all about dancing really, preferably in time with the music, and to do this you must turn your DS sideways where you use the touch-screen on the right to make Gaby dance on the left. Just like every other game these days, you can spend hours customising Gaby for her big performances. Tops, skirts, shoes, hair and accessories can be unlocked throughout the game and you can choose styles like hip-hop, gothic, rock or even school uniform!

Fish Tycoon

Format Nintendo DS • Price £19.99
Publisher Majesco • Game type Strategy
Release Out now • Info What, more fish?



You wait months for a fish game and then two come along at once! While *Fishing Master* is all about catching little fishies this one is all about breeding them! The game was original launched as a PC online game, but it has now been enhanced by Majesco to include lots of special DS features. There are seven exclusive fish in here, all new 3D environments for them to swim in and lots of new tank decorations. If that's not exciting enough, you can use the touch screen to decorate your tanks, make purchases and play with your fish. They even 'stay alive' when you switch your DS off. The ultimate way to relax, we think.

Hurry Up Hedgehog

Format Nintendo DS • Price £19.99
Publisher Oxygen Games • Game type Board
Release Out now • Info 1-4 players

There are some great low-priced Nintendo DS games around at the moment, and this is one of them. For only £19.99 you get a brainteasing board game adaptation where there are six numbered lanes with nine columns each. You must dodge hazards, outsmart your friends and use cunning to race your hedgehog all the way home. There are six different graphic styles in this DS version with lots of ways of customising the rules. You use the stylus throughout, making control nice and easy and you can challenge others with a single-cartridge multiplayer mode, and a more advanced multi-cartridge multiplayer option too.

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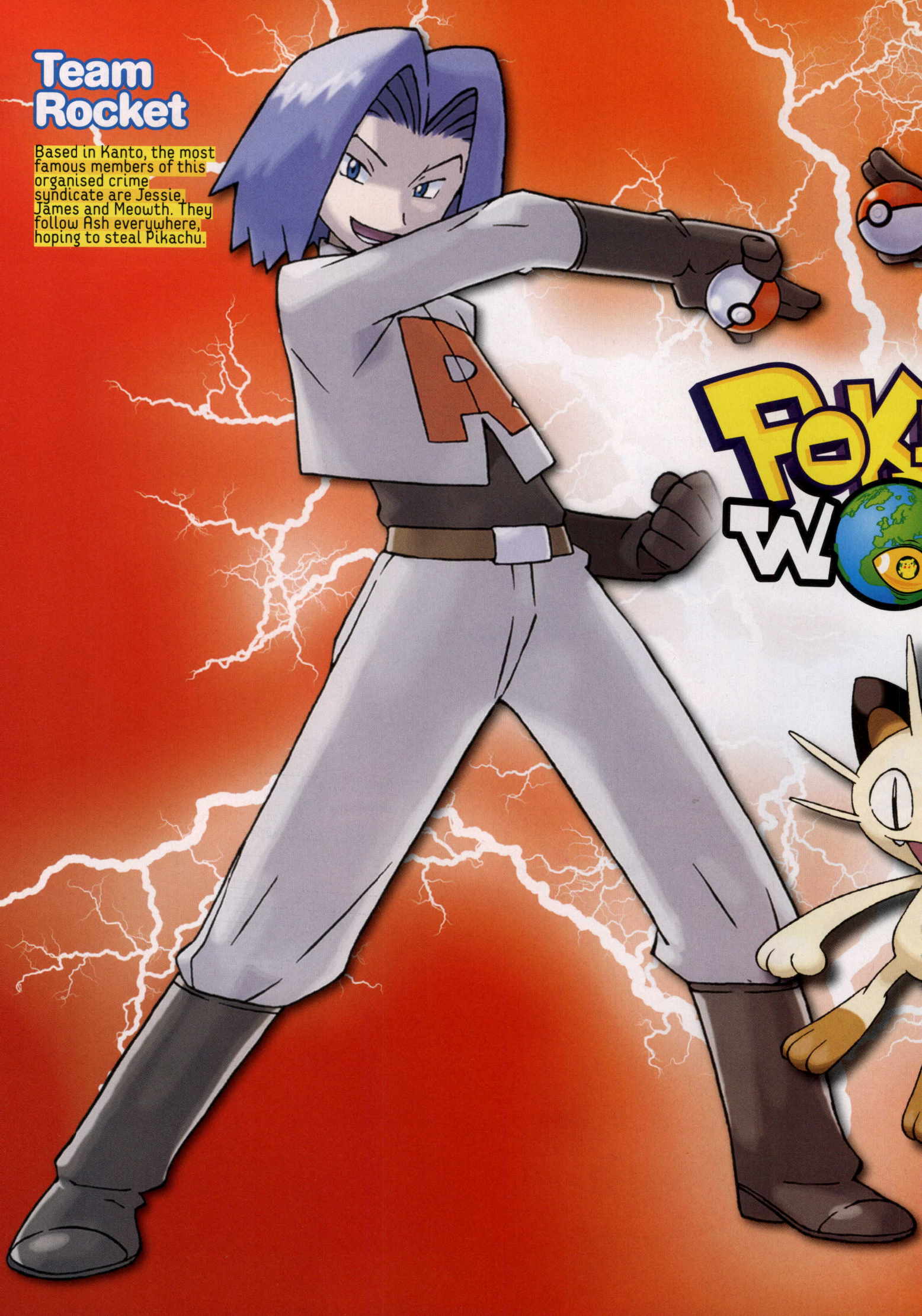
Team Rocket
Based in Kanto, the most famous members of this organised crime syndicate are Jessie, James and Meowth. They follow Ash everywhere, hoping to steal Pikachu.

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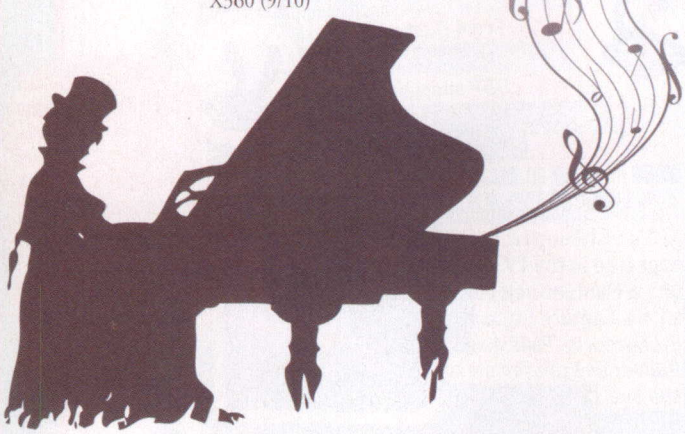

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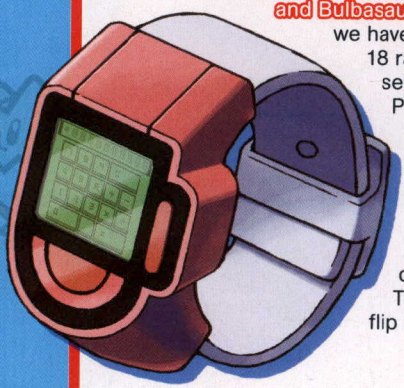
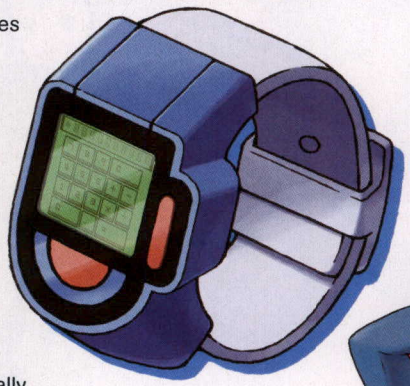
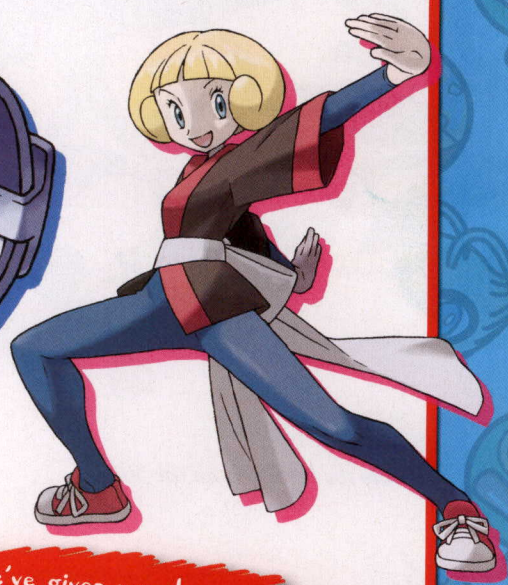
POKÉMON WORLD POKÉDEX CARDS

With 493 Pokémon in the full National Pokédex there are a lot of statistics to remember, facts to learn and Pocket Monsters to catch to truly complete the Pokémon *Diamond* and *Pearl* Nintendo DS videogames. With this in mind, we thought it was about time Pokémon World created its very own pack of Pokédex cards that you could cut out and keep for reference.

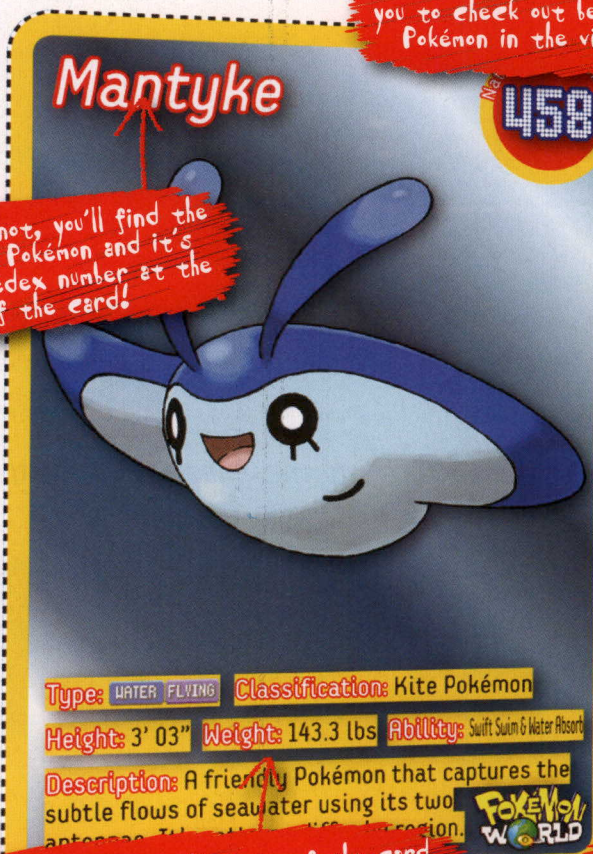
We've brought you such classic monsters as Pikachu, Mew and Bulbasaur, this time we have another 18 randomly selected Pokémon, along with their National Pokédex numbers and descriptions. Then on the flip side of the card their sprites from the new games and older games if they were around then, their base statistics, appearances in the *Pokémon* anime, location you will find them in the new DS games and, finally, their evolution chain.







We would love to know what you think about our new Pokédex card collection, and whether or not you are actually cutting them out and keeping them in our special Pokédex card boxes that we print from time to time. Why not drop us a line at the usual Pokémon World address and let us have some feedback?


Mantyke
458
Type: WATER FLYING
Classification: Kite Pokémon
Height: 3' 03"
Weight: 143.3 lbs
Ability: Swift Swim & Water Absorb
Description: A friendly Pokémon that captures the subtle flows of seawater using its two
region.
Sprite: From Diamond & Pearl
Sprite: D&P shiny back sprite
Base statistics:
HP 45 ATTACK 20 DEFENSE 50 SP. ATT 60 SP. DEF 120 SPEED 50
Anime: Although it hasn't appeared in the TV show yet, a Mantyke helped with a Capture Styler in the movie 'Pokémon Ranger and the Temple of the Sea'.
Location: Mantyke is an uncommon Pokémon in the new DS adventures. Try Surfing at Sunyshore City or on Route 223.
Evolution:
Baby >Level up with Remoraid in party
Mantyke
Mantine

Believe it or not, you'll find the name of the Pokémon and it's National Pokédex number at the top of the card!

All the base stats are here for you to check out before using a Pokémon in the videogames.

We've given you the sprite from Diamond and Pearl, and another sprite either from the earliest game this Pokémon appears in, or its back sprite if it's a new one.

Want to know if this Pokémon has starred in the Pokémon anime? Find out here! If it hasn't appeared we give you some other nugget of info.

All the main info is on the front of the card - type, classification, height, weight, ability and the description from Diamond and Pearl.

We've given you the location of this Pokémon in Diamond and Pearl so you can find it for yourself!

Want to know the evolution chain for this Pokémon? You'll find it here along with how it evolves.

Blastoise

National Pokédex No. 9

Type: WATER Classification: Turtle Pokémon

Height: 5' 03" Weight: 188.5 lbs Ability: Torrent

Description: The jets of water it spouts from the rocket cannons on its shell can punch through thick steel.

Regirock

National Pokédex No. 377

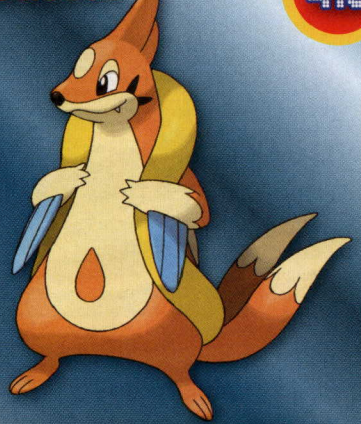
Type: ROCK Classification: Rock Peak Pokémon

Height: 5' 07" Weight: 507.1 lbs Ability: Clear Body

Description: Its entire body is made of rock. If any part chips off in battle, it attaches rocks to repair itself.

Floatzel

National Pokédex No. 419



Type: WATER Classification: Sea Weasel Pokémon

Height: 3' 07" Weight: 73.9 lbs Ability: Swift Swim

Description: It floats using its well-developed flotation sac. It assists in the rescues of drowning people. It can become a raft!

Cloyster

National Pokédex No. 91

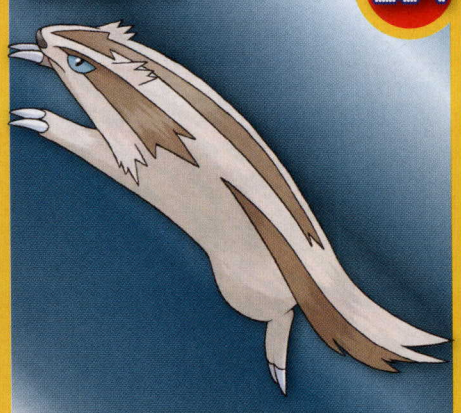
Type: WATER ICE Classification: Bivalve Pokémon

Height: 4' 11" Weight: 292.1 lbs Ability: Shell Armor & Skill Link

Description: It fights by keeping its shell tightly shut for protection and by shooting spikes to repel foes.

Linoone

National Pokédex No. 264



Type: NORMAL Classification: Rush Pokémon

Height: 1' 08" Weight: 71.6 lbs Ability: Pick-up & Gluttony

Description: It charges at prey at speeds over 60mph. However, because it can only run straight, it often fails.

Sableye

National Pokédex No. 302

Type: DARK GHOST Classification: Darkness Pokémon

Height: 1' 08" Weight: 24.3 lbs Ability: Keen Eye & Stall

Description: It hides in the darkness of caves. Its diet of gems has transformed its eyes into gemstones.

Baltoy

National Pokédex No. 343

Type: GROUND PSYCHIC Classification: Clay Doll Pokémon

Height: 1' 08" Weight: 47.4 lbs Ability: Levitate

Description: It moves by spinning on its foot. It is a rare Pokémon that was discovered in ancient ruins.

Magby

National Pokédex No. 240

Type: FIRE Classification: Live Coal Pokémon

Height: 2' 04" Weight: 47.2 lbs Ability: Flame Body

Description: Its body temperature is around 1100 degrees Fahrenheit. It is healthy if it is breathing yellow flames.

Mantyke

National Pokédex No. 458

Type: WATER FLYING Classification: Kite Pokémon

Height: 3' 03" Weight: 143.3 lbs Ability: Swift Swim & Water Absorb

Description: A friendly Pokémon that captures the subtle flows of seawater using its two antennae. Its patterns differ by region.

Sprite: From *Diamond & Pearl*

Sprite: Back view

Base statistics:
HP 85 ATTACK 105 DEFENSE 55 SP. ATT 85 SP. DEF 50 SPEED 115

Trading Card Game: No TV appearance for Floatzel yet, but you can find trading cards in the *Diamond & Pearl* and *Great Encounters* expansion sets starring this Pokémon.

Location: Find Floatzel on Victory Road, at Fuego Ironworks and on Routes 230, 224, 222, 221, 218 and 213 in *Pokémon Diamond* or *Pearl*.

Evolution:

Basic > At Lv.26

Buizel → Floatzel

Sprite: From *Diamond & Pearl*

Sprite: From *Emerald*

Base statistics:
HP 80 ATTACK 100 DEFENSE 200 SP. ATT 50 SP. DEF 100 SPEED 50

Anime: Pyramid King Brandon used a Regirock Pokémon in the TV episode *'Battling The Enemy Within'* to fight with Ash, who was possessed by the King of Pokélantis.

Location: There is no Regirock native to *Diamond* or *Pearl*, you need to transfer one to the Pal Park where it will appear in the mountain.

Evolution:

Basic

Regirock

Sprite: From *Diamond & Pearl*

Sprite: From *Red & Blue*

Base statistics:
HP 79 ATTACK 83 DEFENSE 100 SP. ATT 85 SP. DEF 105 SPEED 78

Anime: We first saw a Blastoise in the TV episode titled *'Island Of The Giant Pokémon'*. It was used as a giant mechanical Pokémon!

Location: There is no Blastoise native to the *Diamond* and *Pearl* games. Transfer one from an older game to the Pal Park Pond.

Evolution:

Basic > At Lv.16 > At Lv.36

Squirtle → Wartortle → Blastoise

Sprite: From *Diamond & Pearl*

Sprite: From *Ruby & Sapphire*

Base statistics:
HP 50 ATTACK 75 DEFENSE 75 SP. ATT 65 SP. DEF 65 SPEED 50

Anime: Sableye made its first appearance in *'Ready, Willing, And Sableye'* where this Pokémon was playing tricks on Ash and his friends.

Location: Sableye is an uncommon Pokémon in *Diamond & Pearl*, check out the Iron Island with *Pokémon Sapphire* plugged in to find one.

Evolution:

Basic

Sableye

Sprite: From *Diamond & Pearl*

Sprite: From *Emerald*

Base statistics:
HP 78 ATTACK 70 DEFENSE 61 SP. ATT 50 SP. DEF 61 SPEED 100

Anime: You'll find a Linoone in *'Jirachi: Wish Maker'* living in Forina and they have their own episode named *'Showdown at Linoone'* where one would steal anything round.

Location: You must evolve a Zigzagoon to get a Linoone into *Diamond* or *Pearl*, or simply transfer one to the field in Pal Park.

Evolution:

Basic > At Lv.20

Zigzagoon → Linoone

Sprite: From *Diamond & Pearl*

Sprite: From *Red & Blue*

Base statistics:
HP 50 ATTACK 95 DEFENSE 180 SP. ATT 85 SP. DEF 45 SPEED 70

Anime: In the episode *'The Bridge Bike Gang'* Misty battled against a Cloyster. Ash also came up against one during the Indigo League in *'Fire and Ice'*.

Location: For a Cloyster in *Diamond* or *Pearl* you need to either Evolve a Shellder, or transfer one to the Pal Park Sea.

Evolution:

Basic >Water Stone

Shellder → Cloyster

Sprite: From *Diamond & Pearl*

Sprite: *D&P* shiny back sprite

Base statistics:
HP 45 ATTACK 20 DEFENSE 50 SP. ATT 60 SP. DEF 120 SPEED 50

Anime: Although it hasn't appeared in the TV show yet, a Mantyke helped with a Capture Styler in the movie *'Pokémon Ranger And The Temple Of The Sea'*.

Location: Mantyke is an uncommon Pokémon in the new DS adventures. Try Surfing at Sunyshore City or on Route 223.

Evolution:

Baby >Level up with Remoraid in party

Mantyke → Mantine

Sprite: From *Diamond & Pearl*

Sprite: From *Emerald*

Base statistics:
HP 45 ATTACK 75 DEFENSE 37 SP. ATT 70 SP. DEF 55 SPEED 83

Anime: A Trainer named Satchel tries to evolve a Magby for a Silver Conference in the episode *'You're A Star, Larvitar'*.

Location: This uncommon Pokémon can be found on Route 227 or on Stark Mountain in *Diamond & Pearl*. Insert a copy of *Pokémon LeafGreen*.

Evolution:

Baby > At Lv.30 >Trade holding Magmarizer

Magby → Magmar → Magmortar

Sprite: From *Diamond & Pearl*

Sprite: From *Emerald*

Base statistics:
HP 50 ATTACK 52 DEFENSE 48 SP. ATT 65 SP. DEF 50 SPEED 55

Anime: In the episode *'Me, Myself and Time'* a Baltoy makes its first appearance. It's owned by a small girl named Calista.

Location: You'll need to use the Poké Radar to get a Baltoy in *Diamond & Pearl*. You will find it on Route 206. Or in the mountain of Pal Park.

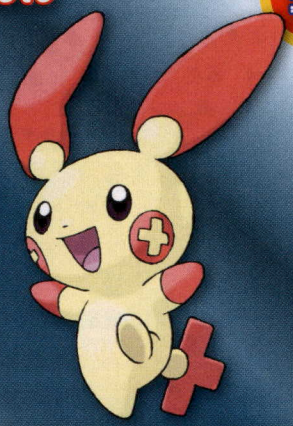
Evolution:

Basic > At Lv.36

Baltoy → Claydol

Plusle

National Pokédex No. 311



Type: ELECTR Classification: Cheering Pokémon

Height: 1' 04" Weight: 9.3 lbs Ability: Plus

Description: It cheers on friends with pom-poms made of sparks. It drains power from telephone poles.

Staryu

National Pokédex No. 120

Type: WATER Classification: Star Shape Pokémon

Height: 2' 07" Weight: 76.1 lbs Ability: Illuminate & Natural Cure

Description: If its body is torn, it can grow back if the red core remains. The core flashes at midnight.

Kakuna

National Pokédex No. 14

Type: BUG POISON Classification: Cocoon Pokémon

Height: 2' 00" Weight: 22.0 lbs Ability: Shed Skin

Description: While awaiting evolution, it hides from predators under leaves and in nooks of branches.

Gloom

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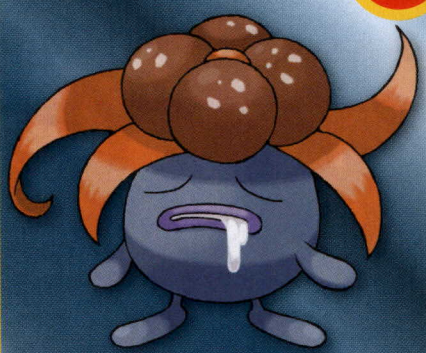


Type: GRASS POISON Classification: Weed Pokémon

Height: 2' 07" Weight: 19 lbs Ability: Chlorophyll

Description: The honey it drools from its mouth smells so atrocious, it can curl noses more than a mile away.

Mightyena

National Pokédex No. 262

Type: DARK Classification: Bite Pokémon

Height: 3' 03" Weight: 81.6 lbs Ability: Intimidate & Quick Feet

Description: It chases down prey in a pack. It will never disobey the commands of a skilled Trainer.

Honchkrow

National Pokédex No. 430

Type: DARK FLYING Classification: Big Boss Pokémon

Height: 2' 11" Weight: 60.2 lbs Ability: Insomnia & Super Luck

Description: Becoming active at night, it is known to swarm with numerous Murkrow in tow. It idles its time away, grooming.

Politoed

National Pokédex No. 186

Type: WATER Classification: Frog Pokémon

Height: 3' 07" Weight: 74.7 lbs Ability: Water Absorb & Damp

Description: These Pokémon gather groups of others as their leader. Its cries make Poliwag obey.

Raichu

National Pokédex No. 26

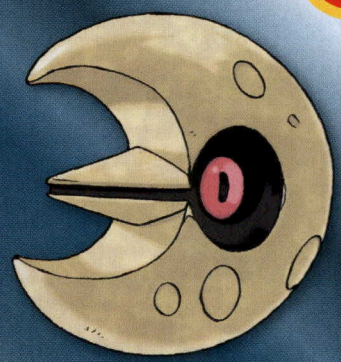
Type: ELECTR Classification: Mouse Pokémon

Height: 2' 07" Weight: 66.1 lbs Ability: Static & Ground

Description: It turns aggressive if it has too much electricity in its body. It discharges power through its tail.

Lunatone

National Pokédex No. 337



Type: ROCK PSYCHO Classification: Meteorite Pokémon

Height: 3' 03" Weight: 370.4 lbs Ability: Levitate & Mineral

Description: Because it turns active on nights of the full moon, it is said to have some link to the lunar phases.

Sprite: From *Diamond & Pearl*

Sprite: From *Red & Blue*

Base statistics:
HP 45 ATTACK 25 DEFENSE 50 SP. ATT 25 SP. DEF 25 SPEED 35

Anime: You can see Kakuna a number of times when Ash is in the Viridian Forest. Ash's Metapod was captured by Beedrill and kept near a hive of Kakuna.

Location: You must use the Dongle method in your *Diamond* or *Pearl* game, with *LeafGreen* plugged in, to get Kakuna into the game. Go to Eterna Forest.

Evolution:
Basic > At Lv.7 > At Lv.10

Sprite: From *Diamond & Pearl*

Sprite: From *Red & Blue*

Base statistics:
HP 30 ATTACK 45 DEFENSE 55 SP. ATT 70 SP. DEF 55 SPEED 85

Anime: Misty has used a Staryu Pokémon as one of her main fighting monsters throughout the series. It first appeared in *'Clefairy And The Moon Stone'*.

Location: A rare Pokémon, try looking in Sunyshore City or use a Super Rod in Canalave City to catch a Staryu.

Evolution:
Basic > Water Stone

Sprite: From *Diamond & Pearl*

Sprite: From *Emerald*

Base statistics:
HP 60 ATTACK 50 DEFENSE 40 SP. ATT 85 SP. DEF 75 SPEED 95

Anime: A Plusle first appeared in the TV show alongside Minun in the episode *'A Different Kind of Misty'* Both of the Pokémon were owned by Thatcher.

Location: This is a rare Pokémon in *Diamond* or *Pearl*. Take a look in the Trophy Garden for one. Or upload one to the field in Pal Park.

Evolution:
Basic

Sprite: From *Diamond & Pearl*

Sprite: Back sprite

Base statistics:
HP 100 ATTACK 125 DEFENSE 52 SP. ATT 105 SP. DEF 52 SPEED 71

Anime: This Pokémon appears in the new movie *'The Rise Of Darkrai'* using the special move Defog in an attempt to clear up Alamos City.

Location: You will need to catch a Murkrow and evolve it if you need a Honchkrow in your *Diamond* or *Pearl* game.

Evolution:
Basic > Dusk Stone

Sprite: From *Diamond & Pearl*

Sprite: From *Ruby & Sapphire*

Base statistics:
HP 70 ATTACK 90 DEFENSE 70 SP. ATT 60 SP. DEF 60 SPEED 70

Anime: *'A Bite to Remember'* is the episode to seek out if you want to see the first Mightyena to appear in the *Pokémon* anime.

Location: These rare Pokémon can be found on Routes 214 and 215 by using the Poké Radar, but only in *Pokémon Diamond*.

Evolution:
Basic > At Lv.18

Sprite: From *Diamond & Pearl*

Sprite: From *Red & Blue*

Base statistics:
HP 60 ATTACK 65 DEFENSE 70 SP. ATT 85 SP. DEF 75 SPEED 40

Anime: Check out *'Pokémon Scent-sation'* where Erika met a Gloom when it saved her from a Grimer when she was a little girl.

Location: Gloom is a common Pokémon in the *D&P* games. Check Routes 224, 229 and 230 to find out or the forest in Pal Park.

Evolution:
Basic > At Lv.21

Sprite: From *Diamond & Pearl*

Sprite: From *Ruby & Sapphire*

Base statistics:
HP 70 ATTACK 55 DEFENSE 65 SP. ATT 95 SP. DEF 85 SPEED 70

Anime: This Pokémon made its first appearance in *'Crazy As A Lunatone'*. A group of thieves named the PMC tried to steal it as they wanted an outer-space Pokémon.

Location: It's an uncommon Pokémon. Find one at Verity Lakefront, Lake Verity, Lake Acuity, Lake Valor, Mt Coronet, Sendoff Spring and Turnback Cave.

Evolution:
Basic

Sprite: From *Diamond & Pearl*

Sprite: From *Red & Blue*

Base statistics:
HP 60 ATTACK 90 DEFENSE 55 SP. ATT 90 SP. DEF 80 SPEED 100

Anime: In *'Electric Shock Showdown'* a Raichu takes on Ash's Pikachu in a battle but is defeated when it can't keep up with Pikachu's speed.

Location: Evolve a Pikachu to get Raichu into *Diamond* or *Pearl*. Or in the Pal Park you will find any transferred monster in the forest.

Evolution:
Baby > Happiness > Thunderstone

Sprite: From *Diamond & Pearl*

Sprite: From *Gold & Silver*

Base statistics:
HP 90 ATTACK 75 DEFENSE 75 SP. ATT 90 SP. DEF 100 SPEED 70

Anime: In the episode *'Outrageous Fortunes'* Misty's Poliwhirl evolved into a Politoed. The new Pokémon was very cheery and clapped when in battle.

Location: Evolve a Polywhirl for yourself to get a Politoed into *Diamond* or *Pearl*. Or transfer yourself one to the pond in Pal Park.

Evolution:
Basic > At Lv.25 > Trade with King's Rock

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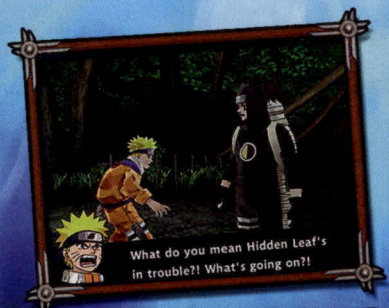

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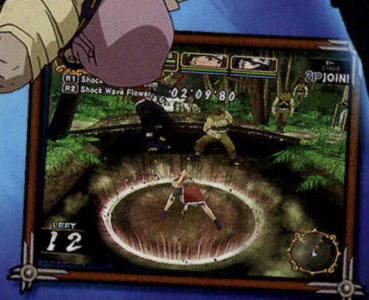

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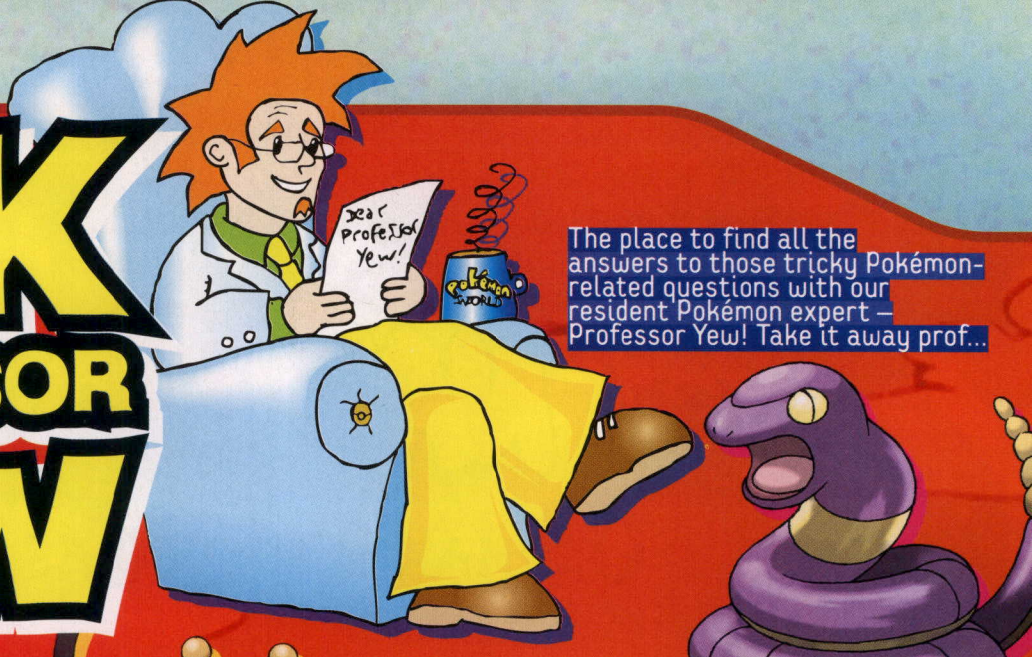


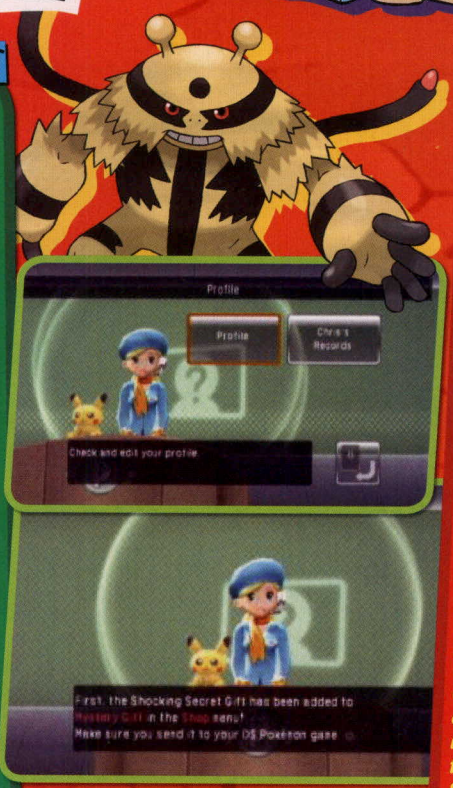
The place to find all the answers to those tricky Pokémon-related questions with our resident Pokémon expert – Professor Yew! Take it away prof...

Electivire & Magmortar

Q Dear Professor Yew,
For a while now there have been codes floating around the internet that allow players of *Pokémon Battle Revolution* on Wii to unlock Electivire and Magmortar in the game but I think it's only the American code. Do you have a code that us English players can use? Also, how do you put the code into the game?
From Aidan Beddows, age ten, Milton Keynes

A *Thanks for the email Aidan, yes I sure do have a UK code for you, and some codes for our European cousins too. Just follow these instructions to get these two hard to find Pokémon up and running...*

1 *Firstly, select the option to edit your profile in the game.*
2 *Go to the Self-Introduction option – the place where you normally input your details for the start of battle.*
3 *Now you must enter the correct code to get either Magmortar or Electivire from this list...*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Chris's Records
Check and edit your profile
First, the Shocking Secret Gift has been added to Mystery Gift in the Shop menu!
Make sure you send it to your DS Pokémon game

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French: jk4i-df87-dsf9	French: 13io-h4rf-1tpa
Spanish: 04in-1ynj-24fv	Spanish: kn34-q0uc-1mbx
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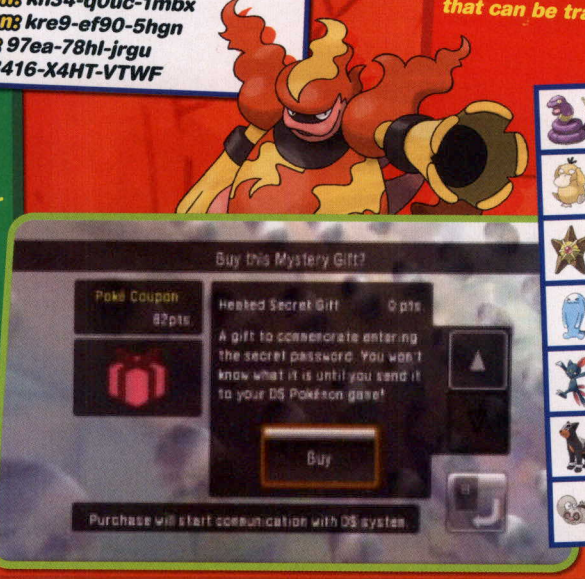
Italian: t4oi-6j8d-sb5r	Italian: 97ea-78hl-jrgu
USA: BA16-X4SH-E2AT	USA: B416-X4HT-VTWF

4 *Enter the passwords correctly and the young lady at the desk will tell you that you have entered a secret password and explain that you have got either a Gold or Silver Pass and the Shocking or Heated Secrets have been added to the Mystery Gift ship for Magmortar and Electivire.*
5 *Head off to the shop now and check out the bottom of the list of items – there will be new ones – either the Heated Secret Gift or the Shocking Secret Gift. They're 0 PokéCoupons, so buy one and you can now use the Mystery Gift Sending option to transfer these two Pokémon to your Pokémon Diamond or Pearl game on the DS if you like. Cool eh?*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Poké Coupon
82pts.
Heated Secret Gift
0 pts.
A gift to commemorate entering the secret password. You won't know what it is until you send it to your DS Pokémon game!
Buy
Purchase will start communication with DS system

International Pokémon!

Q Dear Professor Yew,
I've found a strange Hiker in a house on Route 226 while playing *Pokémon Diamond*. His house has a noticeboard that gives a list of Pokémon for no apparent reason. He also has a strange Magikarp that he wants to trade. Can you please tell me what this list is all about?
From Amelia Grayson, age eight, Glasgow

A *Well Amelia, this is a very good question. It is actually a list of Pokémon that you can transfer to your game that have an alternate Pokédex entry to the regular versions. Why? Well these are Pokémon from foreign games. You can transfer such Pokémon by first transferring it to a Japanese game, then uploading the Pokémon to your game via the Pal Pak, or by getting the Pokémon from another player on the Global Trading Centre, or perhaps one of your friends already has one and you can transfer it from them? Once transferred you will notice a new option on the Pokédex entry for these monsters – language selection. Choose from Japanese, English, French, German, Spanish and Italian!*

You can see an example of all this if you do trade the hiker's Magikarp for a Finneon. His Pokémon is actually a German version. Here are the Pokémon that can be transferred in this way...

Ekans	Pikachu
Psyduck	Ponyta
Staryu	Magikarp
Wobbuffet	Heracross
Sneasel	Teddiursa
Houndour	Wingull
Slakoth	Roselia

Terror in Terra Cave?

Q Hi Professor Yew,
Not sure if you get many questions about *Pokémon Emerald* these days, but I've been playing it for the first time and I'd like to ask, "What's the deal with the Terra Cave?"
From Jonny Bright, age nine, Manchester

A *I'm happy to answer questions about any Pokémon games Jonny, old or new. Now let me think... ahh, yes... it's a strange one the Terra Cave Jonny, from what I remember of it. It's a location in Pokémon Emerald that isn't actually set in stone – it moves around. Once you have defeated the Elite Four it will appear in places as far apart as Route 115 and Route 118, but mostly you'll find it on the west side of Hoenn. If you're having trouble finding it, ask at the Weather Center – but be quick, or it will move on again! Once inside the cave you will get to battle Groudon. This Pokémon is at Level 70, so make sure you're fully prepared before you go after it. With Groudon captured, the Terra Cave will disappear for good. Strange, eh?*

My generation!

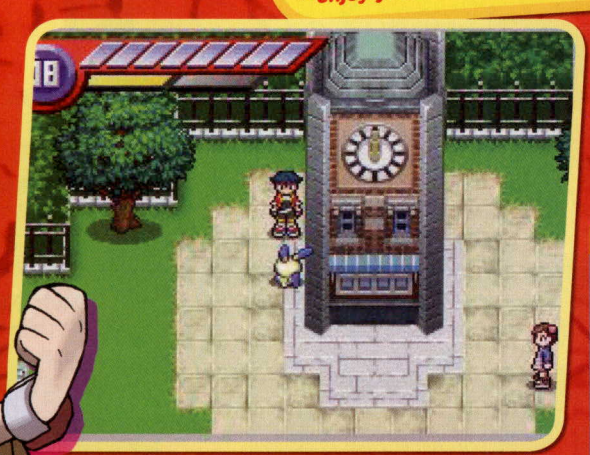
Q Dear Professor Yew,
I was chatting on a *Pokémon* web forum the other day and they were all talking about Generation II *Pokémon* games. What's this all about? I am only 13 years old so haven't been playing *Pokémon* games for as long as some of these people. Please explain more.
From Simon Hambleton, age 13, Cardiff

A *Well Simon, the Pokémon games split down into different generations – think of them as kind of phases of games released by Nintendo. Generation I was the original Game Boy games like Pokémon Yellow, Green and Red whereas Generation II is often referred to as the 'Metal Generation' of Pokémon games. It includes Pokémon Gold, Pokémon Silver and Pokémon Crystal on Game Boy Color as well as Pokémon Stadium 2 on Nintendo 64. These games take place mostly in the Johto region. In case you're wondering, we are now in the fourth generation!*

Regirock Lost?

Q Hi Professor,
Regirock is my favourite Pokémon. Can you please tell me how to find this Pokémon in *Pokémon Ranger* on the DS?
From Andrew Mason, age 12, Belfast

A *Regirock is one of those tricky Pokémon that can only be caught when you have completed the game once Andrew – so that's your first task! When you've seen the end credits roll, jump back into the game and head for the Sekra Mountain Range. Regirock lives near the Vileplumes. Break the boulder with Break X3, then use Water X1 to grow a plant to climb. Now break the boulder covering the entrance with Break X3 and see off the ice block with Burn X3. Watch out for the Gastly who can swallow up your team Pokémon. Capture these Pokémon and release them again to keep your team members safe. Now your path to Regirock is clear – enjoy your favourite Pokémon!*



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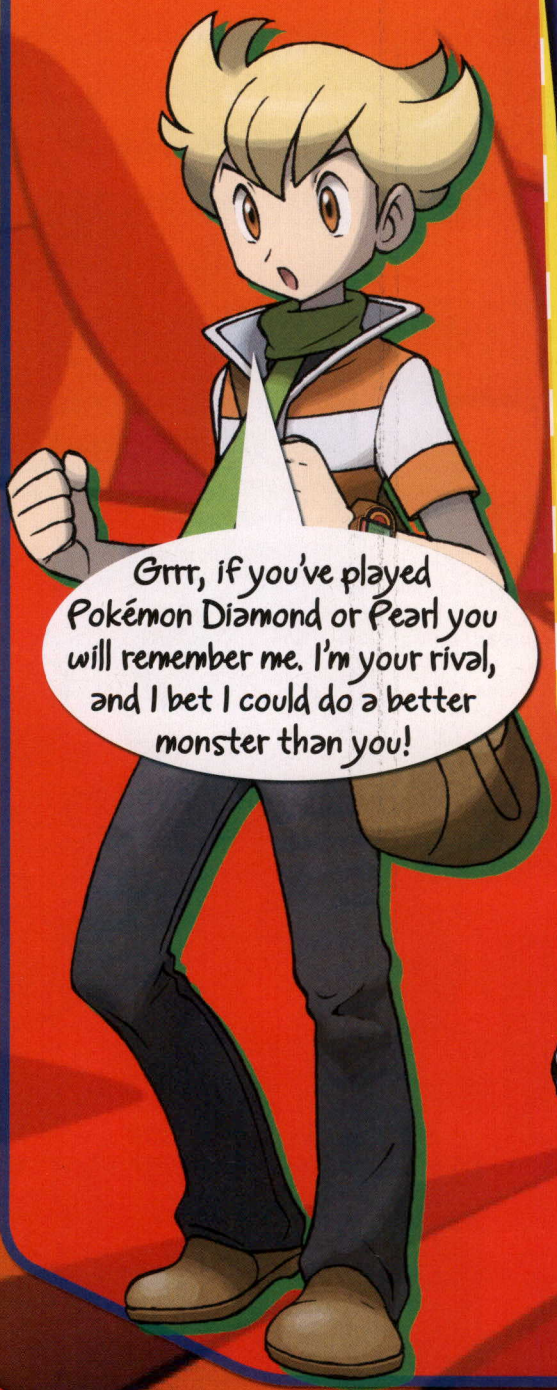
DESIGN A MONSTER!

We just love opening our postbag each morning to see what crazy monster creations you have come up with this month. Here's a selection...


Grrr, if you've played Pokémon Diamond or Pearl you will remember me. I'm your rival, and I bet I could do a better monster than you!

Monster of the month!

Evolution: None

Loudsnort

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Pokémon type: Dark/Poison/Water

Special attacks: Poison Wave, Shadow Ball, Water Blast

Loudsnort uses its Poison Wave to signal other Loudsnorts on Route 129.

Liam Bannan, Coatbridge

Evolution: From Scyther

Flirald

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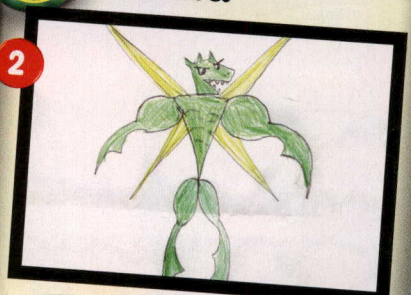

Pokémon type: Bug/Flying

Special attacks: Shard Swipe, Crush, Razor Arms

Brief description: Its body is made of emeralds and its wings are gold. It will bring early Spring to Wintery lands and one wave of its wing can light the darkest night skies.

Laura Webb, age nine, Ringwood

Important
Sadly we can't return any of your drawings as it would take us all day just putting pictures in envelopes! We do try to print as many monsters as we can, but inevitably not all will make it on to the page.

DID YOU KNOW?
The internet is full of reports of fake Pokemon. People change bits and pretend they've discovered a new monster!

Evolution: Evolves into Chansey

Chanso

3

Pokémon type: Luck/Flying

Special attacks: Eggsplosion, Eggstreme Blast, Sing

Brief description: This Pokémon flies above the clouds, listening for sad people. It then drops Lucky Eggs at random on the town it is above.

Dominic Wheeler, age nine, Ash

Evolution: None

Policoon

4

Pokémon type: Grass/Water

Special attacks: Crystal Laser, Hypnotiser

Brief description: Policoon's Crystal Laser can crack open a Master Ball!

Tomos Rowley, age seven, Cardiff

Evolution: Final reverse to Volon

Vol Volien

5

Pokémon type: Fire/Rock/Poison

Special attacks: Extreme Fire Blast, Magma Eruption, Poison Blast, Rock Crusher

Brief description: Vol Volien can withstand up to 6000°c allowing it to swim in lava. When angry it blazes so hot and bright that touching it will burn your hand. Staring at it too long can blind.

James Hearn, age nine, Dublin

Evolution: None

Weeder

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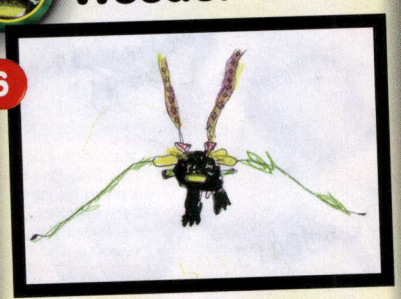
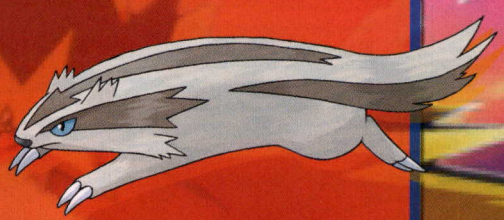


Pokémon type: Poison

Special attacks: Vine Whip, Poison Gleam, Stun Spore, Reflect, Refresh, Poison Drool

Brief description: Its special ability is its drool. If it spits on another Pokémon, the other monster will be poisoned.

Matthew Hayes, age six, Rainhill



Evolution: Evolves into Munchlax

Nibblax

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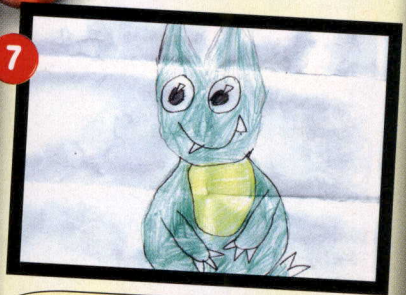
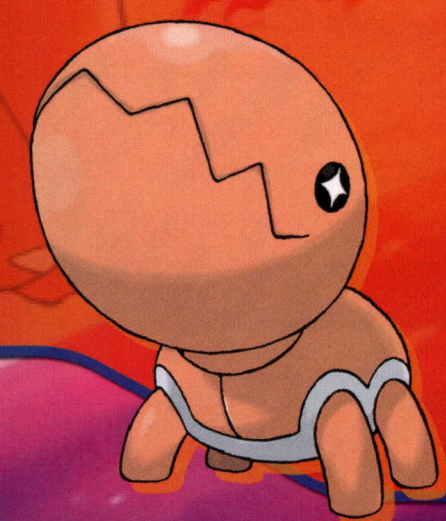


Pokémon type: Normal

Special attack: Bite, Crunch, Nibble, Rest

Brief description: Nibblax are very common and are usually found around fast food restaurants or sleeping under berry bushes. This Pokémon is very friendly and grows attached to their Trainers.

Luke McDonnell, age nine, Binbrook



Evolution: None

Spiraling

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Pokémon type: Normal

Special attacks: Steel Tail Swirl, Iron Punch, Swirling Distraction

Brief description: This Pokémon can kick at 20 miles per hour! With Steel Tail Swirl it can distract 100 Pokémon at a time. It's one and a half metres tall and half a metre wide!

Chloe Shaw, age ten, Cardross

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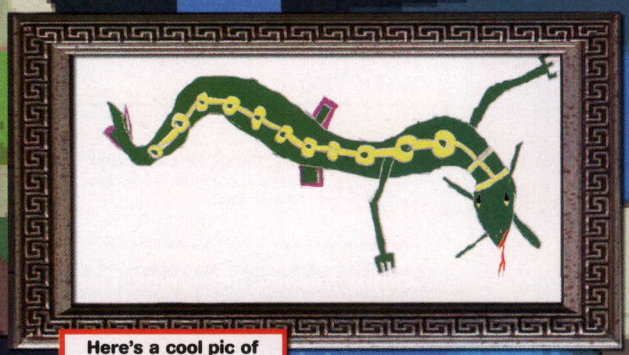
If you've drawn a grisly monster and you would like to share it with other Pokémon World readers, then either email it to pokemonworld@imagine-publishing.co.uk making sure you put 'Design-A-Monster' in the subject line, or send it by post to: Design A Monster, Pokémon World, Richmond House, 33 Richmond Hill, Bournemouth, Dorset, BH2 6EZ

Pika-Pics

Here's a look at the best from our Pokémon World picture postbag this month...



Here's a cool pic of Rayquaza sent in by Matthew McKenna, age ten from Hollywood (in Birmingham, not Los Angeles).

Oliver McEwan, age ten from Salisbury has done a cool pencil sketch of Salamence. Thanks for this, Oliver!

This is a cool Pokémon pic sent to us by Arran, age ten from Worthing.

Kathrine Furniss, aka 'The Shadow Black Kat', emailed us her picture of Team Rocket. Thanks for the letter Kat, and keep reading the magazine!

Wow! This has got to be one of the best drawings we've ever had on these pages. It's called 'Growlithe and Trainer in Fire' and it's by Lilli Lava. Excellent work!

Alex Clark, age 14 from Weston-Super-Mare sent this pic in for our Pokémon Ambassador competition, but we thought it was so good it needed to be in Pika-Pics!

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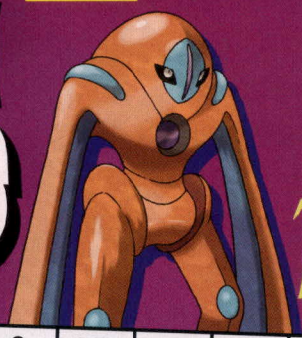
POKÉ PUZZLES

Does you brain need some exercise? Well why not test it with Pokémon World's puzzle pages? Get your grey cells around this lot...



Pokémon picture wordsearch

This month we've got a wordsearch for you to puzzle over. But it's a wordsearch with a twist – we're not giving you any words! Take a look at the Pokémon artwork around these two puzzle pages. Every Pokémon you see is in the wordsearch. There are 11 in total (it doesn't include those little Pokémon in the top-left and right corners of the pages, or those in other puzzles!) Good luck!

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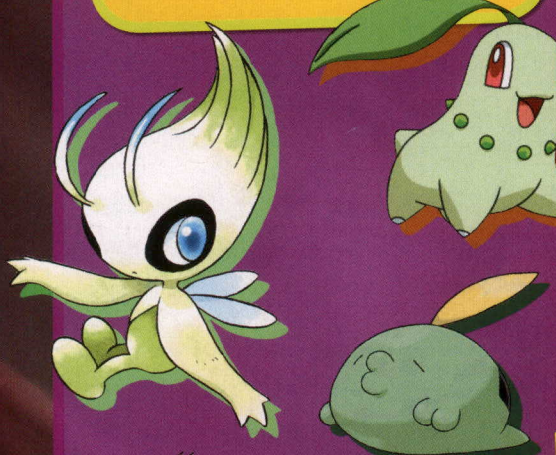
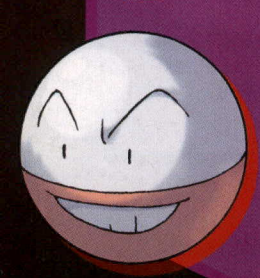


Name that game!

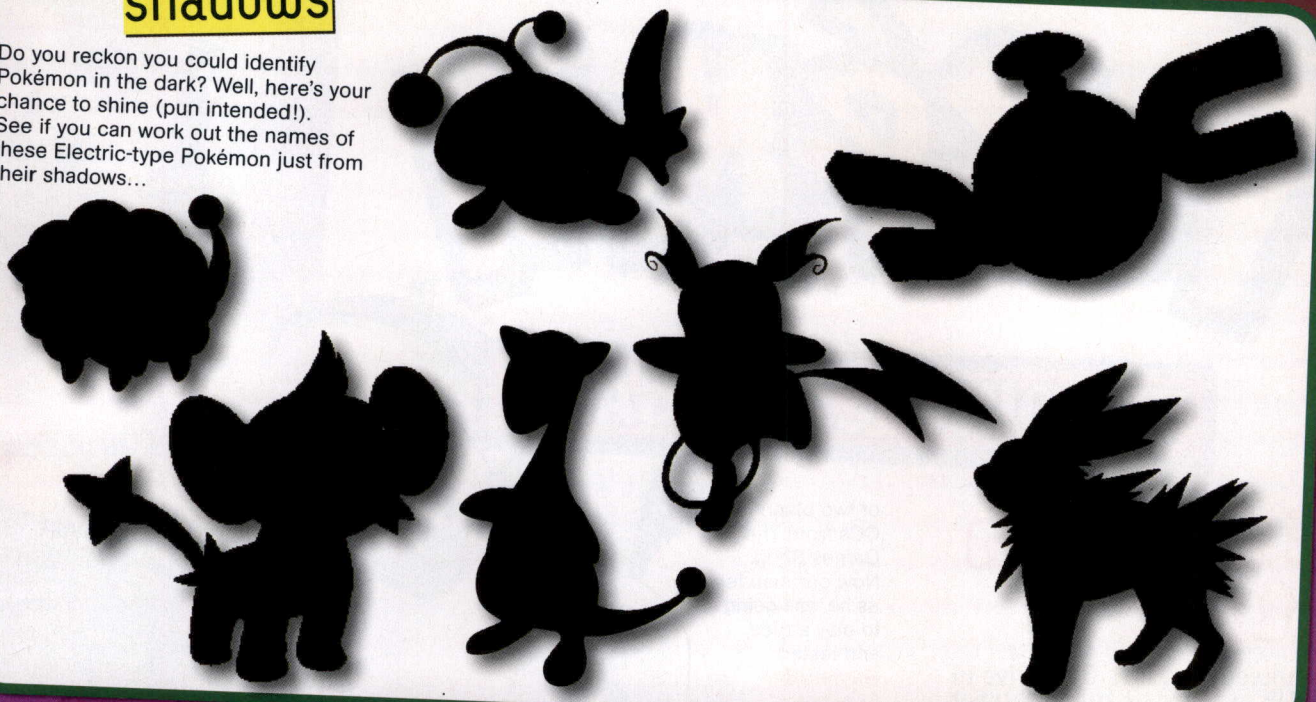
Here's a puzzler that will truly test your knowledge of *Pokémon* games. Take the first letter of the answer to each of these seven questions about a Nintendo DS *Pokémon* game and put it in the box. Reading down, your answers will form the name of that game!

	A Legendary Pokémon that has been given away at special events in Japan for this game. It's a black, ghostly monster with a small head but bright blue eyes. This Pokémon gets inside people's heads and causes them to have nightmares.
	This ability was introduced in this game. It uses the fist and causes punching attacks to increase in power by 20 per cent. No Pokémon use this as their single ability, but Hitmonchan uses it as a dual ability.
	There's a square to the north of Hearthome City with this name. It's a special area that you can only enter with certain Pokémon. Only 11 out of the 493 monsters will help you inside, including our old favourite Pikachu.
	In Veilstone City, next to the gym, there's a small girl who will perform this Happiness Raising technique on your Pokémon. While she does her thing, you can scout around for items to use in Super Contests.
	This is a city found in the region of Sinnoh. The gym here is led by Roark and this is the location that Pokémon Trainers receive the Coalbadge in this game. Vents throughout this city carry stale air from the mines below.
	This is the name of the Pokédex you must fill once you have defeated the Elite Four in this game, and have seen the first 150 Pokémon in the Sinnoh Dex, excluding Manaphy. Accessing this Dex isn't too tricky really.
	Pokémon are obviously made up of different types, we all know that. This answer is the single type that these Pokémon share – Umbreon, Poochyena, Mightyena, Absol, Darkrai and Arceus.



Electric-type shadows

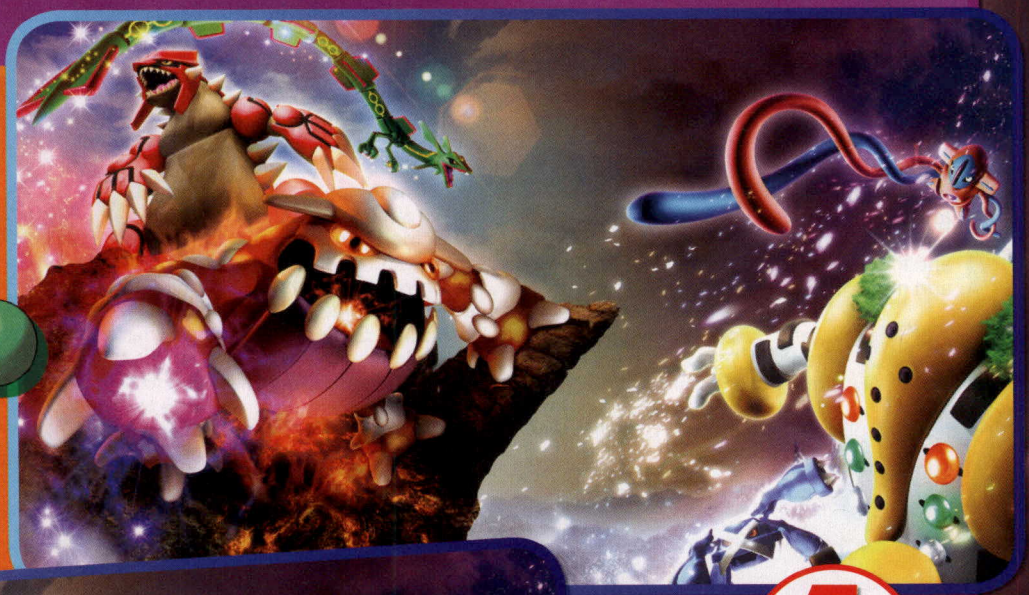
Do you reckon you could identify Pokémon in the dark? Well, here's your chance to shine (pun intended!). See if you can work out the names of these Electric-type Pokémon just from their shadows...



Spot the difference

Take a good long look at these two *Pokémon* scenes. There are ten differences between them, some of them obvious, some of them a bit more tricky to find. You might like to use a magnifying glass to help as some of them are quite small too!

Good luck!



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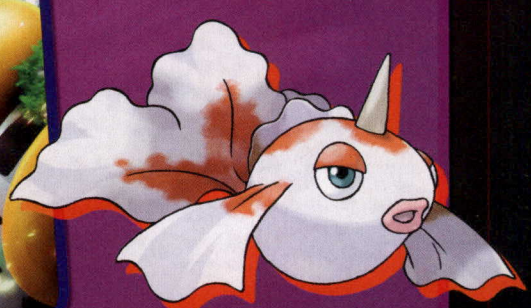
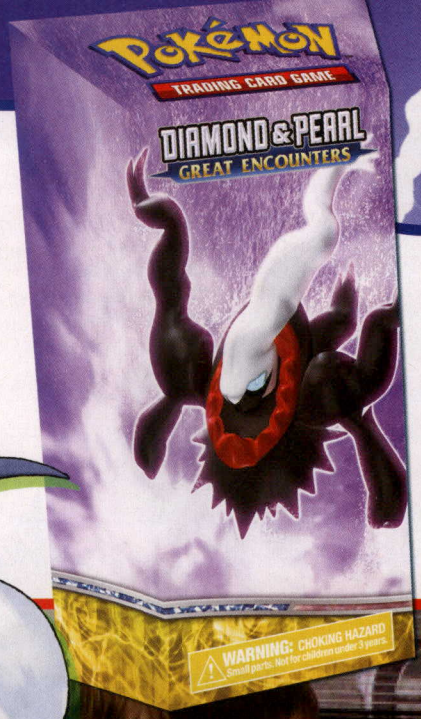


Answers to issue 75's puzzles – CROSSWORD: Gateway, MainStreet, Waterfall, Neon, Crystal, Sunnypark, Magma, Sunset, Courtyard, Stargazer, Wii, Nintendo, Battle, Revolution, Pokemon, Diamond, Pearl, Electivire, Magmortar, Pokecoupons / SHADOWS: Gible, Palkia, Latias, Flygon, Shelgon / MIX-UP: James>Slowbro, Jenny>Weedle, Prof Oak>Cloyster, Misty>Diglett, Brock>Horsea, Jessie>Marchop.

Pokémon TRADING CARD GAME



Champion Stuff!

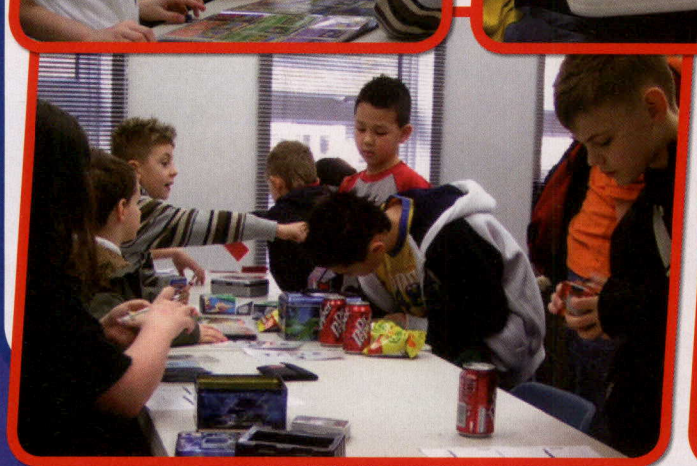
Organised Play hits Overdrive in the UK as we visit the Aldershot City Championships...

Welcome to this issue's Pokémon Trading Card Game round-up, this time we have gone into Organised Play (OP) overdrive. We have pictures and a report from one of the many City Championships (CCs) happening right now. We also have our premier event survival guide to help you during the next few hectic months of UK Pokémon Organised Play, together with details on the remaining CCs and the new upcoming Battle Roads. All that, and more, coming up.

Want to know what happened when Pokémon World went to Aldershot? Friday 1 February saw our fearless reporter getting ready to play at the Aldershot CC – the first of two planned CCs from The Games Shop. Now our man tells us he was going to play a tried and tested Gardellade/Absollade deck – just like the one from Ditto's past Hot Picks, but he loaned his deck out to long-term player and Pokémon World reader Dharyl Wilson.

Left with not enough cards to make a second Gardellade deck, he decided to run a rogue, for fun, Donphan/Jumpluff based deck instead. The only problem was he had not got the deck built and he had never played it before!

So 5am Saturday morning saw him scrambling around to build the deck, by 6.30am the deck was complete and he had a deck list written. It was time to go so throwing a few Trainer cards and trades



Always make sure you are fully prepared before you arrive at the venue, or you'll waste a lot of time!

into a backpack, he grabbed a bottle of water, his camera and the decks and was off racing for the door and sunny Aldershot.

After picking up Dharyl, it was time to hit the motorway and after a quick journey round the M25 and down the A3 to Aldershot, they arrived around an hour before the doors to the venue were due to open. Good journey planning and a map from www.multimap.com, meant our man could park up near the venue and find a warm coffee bar just across from The Games Shop.

Now there are a few hints and tips that we would like to pass on to all players entering a premier event in the future, City Championship, Regional Championship or Nationals, it doesn't matter what event you enter – there are some rules to follow that will make your day easier. The first of which is be prepared.

Yes, our reporter knows he can talk, having already broken that one by building his deck at the last minute, but if you can, have your decks ready and know where the venue is, checking online for maps and directions. You can always ring or email the Tournament Organiser if needed – above all, remember to leave plenty of time for travelling.

At least he had managed to get that right, being early gave him a chance to sit, get the journey out of his head, have a large cup of hot chocolate, warm up and play a few practice matches.

The practice matches in the coffee bar were key to getting the deck right and tweaking it to peak performance. He replaced a couple of Trainers and altered his deck list to match the changes, before heading across the street to the venue.

The Games Shop in Aldershot is an interesting new venue to us, with three floors of playing areas and a well-stocked shop it proved to be a great place to play. It holds regular events and tournaments and you can find out more by visiting www.the-games-shop-aldershot.co.uk.

Now our man walked in with a prepared deck list, but many players had not done one. It is important that your deck lists are done before you arrive, to avoid delaying the event. Aldershot was delayed for over an hour while we waited for players to write up their decks and get their decks sorted. We are told that this years UK Nationals will close deck registration on time – if your deck list is not done, checked and handed in then you will get a first round loss! You have been warned.

TRAINER
Premier Ball
Search your deck or your discard pile for a Pokémon LV.X, show it to your opponent, and put it into your hand. If you search your deck, shuffle your deck afterward.
Cresselia lv.X
100
Full Moon Dance
Moon Skip
40

Twelve o'clock, high noon and it was time to play! With 32 players all told, eight in the Masters, 14 in the Seniors and ten in the Juniors it was going to be three rounds, and top two cut in the Masters and four rounds and a top four cut in the Seniors and four rounds and a top two cut in the Juniors.

After the dust settled our man just lost out on a top two place in the Masters. He made a big mistake in the first round, he realised he had pressured his opponent for a win and had forgotten the spirit of the game rules. Once he realised what he had done he reported himself to the Head Judge and had a game win turned over to a game loss.

Now that is true Spirit of the Game, ultimately it cost him a place in the finals but it was more important to stick within the rules and Spirit of the Game than win by any means. A lesson for us all there!

With the Swiss rounds over, there was time to trade, wander around the shop, talk to some of the other players and relax after the frantic rounds.

Wandering round he spotted a couple of Pokémon World readers catching up on their essential reading between matches and he traded a few Gallade cards. Now Gallade was

THE POKÉMON WORLD GUIDE TO MAKING YOUR LIFE EASIER AT PREMIER EVENTS

1. Be prepared

- Build and playtest your deck before the day of the event.
- Have your deck list done.
- Know where the venue is, when the tournament starts and plan your journey.
- Make sure you arrive on time – if you are late for registration, you may not be able to play in the event.
- Bring your POP ID, if you do not have a POP ID, don't worry one will be given to you.
- Have food and drink with you.
- Take your trades.
- Have your dice, counters and coins with you too.

2. Follow the rules and the spirit of the game

- Fairness – Games cease to be fun when players break the rules to achieve victory.
- Honesty – Players should strive to act honestly while playing that game. If a player inadvertently breaks a rule during a game and becomes aware of the error before his or her opponent or a judge, that player should make the opponent and the judge aware of the misplay.
- Respect – Players, spectators, and staff should be treated with respect.
- Sportsmanship – Winning or losing with grace is vital to the enjoyment of a game.
- Learning – Players should strive to help each other increase their Pokémon TCG play skills.
- It is not a player's responsibility to make his or her opponent's plays for that opponent. However, discussing strategies, offering deck tips, or constructively critiquing gameplay decisions after the match has finished helps both people to become better players.

3. Be a social player

- Introduce yourself to your opponent and any other players and judges you meet.
- Trade and swap tactics – find out about local clubs and leagues.
- Enjoy the atmosphere at the event and do not be afraid to speak to the players and judges, they are all *Pokémon* fans after all!
- Take a copy of your favourite *Pokémon* magazine, Pokémon World, of course!
- And always shake hands at the start of a match.

4. Have fun!

- The Pokémon TCG is a game, and games are meant to be fun for all. Fun is the most important part of the Spirit of the Game rules.
- Make light and laugh off your misplays and mishaps.
- Have your opponent choose which coin or dice you use for flips.
- Congratulate them on their wins and successes, and do not rub victory in their face.
- Avoid elitist ('leet') behaviour and remember that it is all just a game, no matter what!

the most played deck on the day, with one in five of the decks played being a Gardevoir/Gallade variant.

Masters finals time and the top cuts were playing in the other age groups too. Dharyl Wilson was playing our man's Gardellade Deck in the Masters Finals, his opponent was the eventual winner and tournament champion – Kylie Chua. She had travelled all the way from Liverpool and had to battle hard for the win. After the first two matches the game was tied one all and Dharyl, who had already beaten her earlier in the Swiss rounds, looked like he might bag his first city championship win of the season.

Meanwhile in the Juniors final, Sian Murray and Cameron Dilley battled it out down to the wire with Cameron's Mario Deck, Marchamp and Lucario just beating Sian and her Blissey/Absol deck.

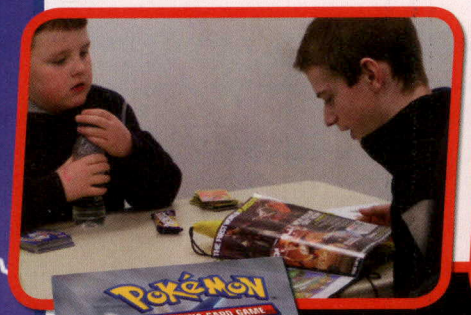
Now we wondered if it was her dad's new haircut that put Sian off here play? Sian is daughter to Russell Murray, long-time player, judge and tournament organiser and now Mohican wearer – judge for yourself, is his hair too much to contemplate?

In a closely fought Seniors Final, Nicholas Fotheringham, using Absollade (Gardevoir/Gallade and Absol) scored his second City Championship win of the 2007/2008 Organised Play season, he just beat fellow finalist Michael Cornwall who was playing a Marchamp/Medicham deck to the winners medal and first place in their age group. Well done, boys!

By five o'clock it was all over and it was time to get back on the road home. Our crew left tired but happy and looking forward to the next City Championships on their 'must visit' list.

Next Issue we will have double Ditto, with two Hot Picks, there will be more photos from around the Organised Play scene. Plus more on where, when, how and what to play! We leave you with some more dates for your diary and we hope to see you at a tournament near you soon.

What if it was your dad with this haircut? Was it the haircut that lost his daughter the finals?



It's Darkrai LV. X

The big, bad, Pitch-Black Pokémon is now available in tins!

Darkrai LV.X looks set to be the next *Diamond* and *Pearl* series Pokémon to make a big splash at a tournament near you. When this Pokémon levels up it becomes a monster-pumped basic Pokémon that can increase the 40 damage it would normally do with its Endless Darkness attack to a respectable 70 damage (if it has three basic dark energy cards attached). This is due to its Dark Shadow Poké-BODY that makes basic dark energy cards add 10 damage to an attack, like their special energy cousins.

Combine Darkrai LV. X with Weavile from the *Secret Wonders* set and you will be sucking two dark energy from your deck to attach to your Pokémon in any way you like – using Weavile's Shadow Charge attack and turning all your Pokémon dark with it's Dark Engage Poké-POWER. You can use Weavile to power up Darkrai in double-quick time and leave your opponents groping in the dark. Now that Pokémon Spring Holiday Tins, with Darkrai LV. X, Palkia LV.x, and Dialga LV. X, have hit the stores you can easily afford to try Darkrai LV. X in a deck. Go on, embrace the Darkrai in you, leave your opponent's sleeping and start winning with this Pitch-Black Pokémon today.

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Remaining UK City Championships you can find around the country...

Aldershot City Championship II
Date: Saturday 29 March
Location: The Games Shop, 6 Wellington Street, Aldershot, Hants, GU11 1DZ
Reg time: 10.30am
Start time: 11.00am
Admission: £5.00
Organiser: Mike Hemmingway-Brown
Tel: 07795 263428
Email: mike@the-games-shop-aldershot.com
Website: www.the-games-shop-aldershot.com

Hull (Hessle) City Championships
Date: Saturday 29 March
Location: Hessle Town Hall, South Lane, Hessle, East Yorkshire, HU13 0RR
Reg time: 10.30am
Start time: 11.30am
Admission: £5.00
Organiser: Ben Hargrave
Tel: 07855 475313
Email: acegaming@hotmail.com
Website: www.acegaming.co.uk

Norwich City Championships
Date: Sunday 30 March
Location: Battlenet, 2a Queens Road, Norwich, Norfolk, NR1 3PR
Reg time: 10.00am
Start time: 11.00am
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Organiser: Nigel Sturman
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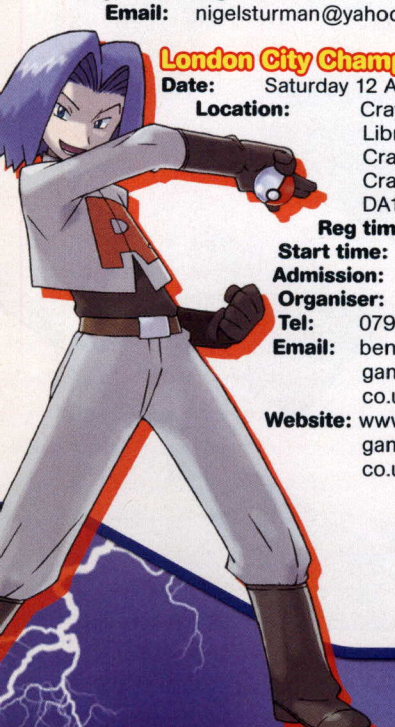

London City Championships
Date: Saturday 12 April
Location: Crayford Library Hall, Crayford Road, Crayford, Kent, DA1 4ER
Reg time: 1.00pm
Start time: 1.30pm
Admission: £5.00
Organiser: Ben Ward
Tel: 07949 359750
Email: benward@gamersguild.co.uk
Website: www.gamersguild.co.uk

Brighton and Hove City Championships
Date: Sunday 13 April
Location: The Courtlands Hotel, 15-27 The Drive, Hove, East Sussex, BN3 3JE
Reg time: 10.00am
Start time: 11.00am
Admission: £5.00
Organiser: Stephen Kish
Tel: 01273 737134
Email: oddish196@hotmail.co.uk

EU_UK Leicester City Championship II
Date: Saturday 26 April
Location: Phoenix Games, 51 Church Gate, Leicester, LE1 3AL
Reg time: 10.00am
Start time: 11.00am
Admission: £5.00
Organiser: Chris
Tel: 0116 2515003
Email: contact@phoenix-games.co.uk
Website: www.phoenix-games.co.uk

Now check out these upcoming Spring Battle Road events...

Crayford Battle Road
Date: Saturday 29 March
Location: Crayford Library Hall, Crayford Library, Crayford Road, Crayford, Kent, DA1 4ER
Reg time: 1.30pm
Start time: 2.00pm
Admission: £5.00
Organiser: Ben Ward
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Poole Battle Road
Date: Sunday 6 April
Location: The Grasshopper, 141 Bournemouth Road, Parkstone, Poole, Dorset
Reg time: 10.00am – deck list required
Start time: 11.00am
Admission: £5.00
Organiser: UK Cards and Games
Tel: 07879 073525
Email: info@ukcardsandgames.co.uk
Website: www.ukcardsandgames.co.uk

Hull (Hessle) Battle Road
Date: Saturday 12 April
Location: Hessle Town Hall, South Lane, Hessle, East Yorkshire, HU13 0RR
Reg time: 10.30am
Start time: 11.30am
Admission: £5.00
Organiser: Ben Hargrave
Tel: 07855 475313
Email: acegaming@hotmail.com
Website: www.acegaming.co.uk

Rainham Battle Road
Date: Sunday 18 May
Location: Rainham and Wigmore Community Centre, Granary Close off Station Road, Rainham, Kent, ME8 7SG
Reg time: 12.00pm
Start time: 1.00pm
Admission: £5.00
Organiser: Ben Ward
Tel: 07949 359750
Email: benward@gamersguild.co.uk
Website: www.gamersguild.co.uk

And finally, your updated round-up of UK Regional Championships...

South Central State Championships
Date: Sunday 20 April
Location: Rockbottom Toy Store, Bargate Centre, York Buildings, Southampton, SO14 1HF
Reg time: 10.30am
Start time: 11.30am
Admission: £5.00

London State Championships
Date: Saturday 3 May
Location: Bryant Street Methodist Centre, Project E15, Bryant Street, Stratford, London, E15 4RU
Reg time: 10.30am
Start time: 11.30am
Admission: £6.00
Organiser: Ben Ward
Tel: 07949 359750
Email: benward@gamersguild.co.uk
Website: www.gamersguild.co.uk

North East State Championships
Location: Hessle Town Hall, South Lane, Hessle, East Yorkshire, HU13 0RR
Reg time: 10.30am
Start time: 11.00am
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DRAGON QUEST MONSTERS-Joker

WIN! A NINTENDO DS AND DRAGON QUEST MONSTERS: JOKER GAMES!

The brilliant Square-Enix game *Dragon Quest Monsters: Joker* is reviewed back on page 16 and we love it! It's the perfect game for all those who have already completed *Pokémon Diamond* or *Pearl*.

And we've got five copies of the game to give away to lucky readers, along with a shiny new Nintendo DS Lite. Just send your answer to pokemonworld@imagine-publishing.co.uk naming your email 'Dragon Quest Compo'. If you really must you can also send your entry in to the usual postal address and we'll put all the entries together for the big draw.

What is the name of the artist who has created all the monsters in this cool game?

A. Akira Toriyama
B. Oliver Frey
C. Jem Roberts

Please get your entries in by 1 May 2008. Winners will be drawn at random. The best of luck!

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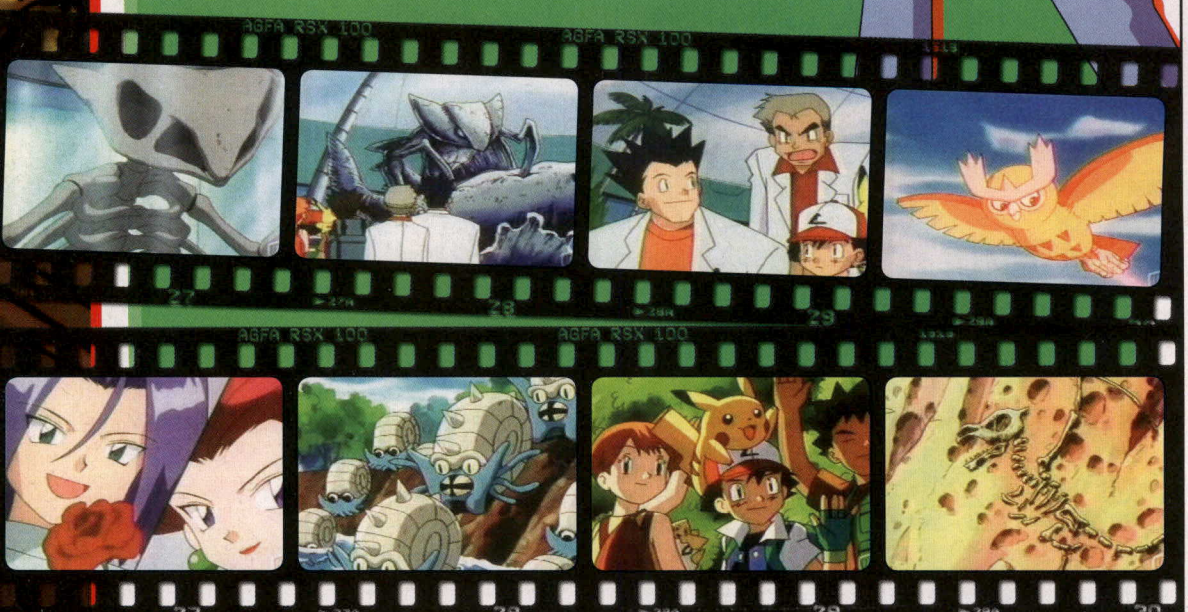
The date of the very first Pokémon

You might think *Pokémon* started out only a few years ago – well, you would be wrong! In this episode of the TV series we discover that Pokémon date from much further back...

Yes, it's true! The Pokémon episode *'Fossil Fools'* tells the story of when Ash and his travelling companions visited the Ruins of Alph, a site of prehistoric Pokémon fossils and ancient mysteries. Here they find the Pokémon Omanyte and Omastar living, a species long thought extinct. They meet with Professor Oak and one of his students, Foster, and learn that Pokémon actually date back to 2 million years ago.

Foster is an expert in the fossils and has been amazed to find Pokémon like Omanyte and Omastar living in the artificial ponds in the ruins. He uses the CCTV system installed for security to monitor the Pokémon's behaviour and study them more closely than has ever been possible before.

Foster has a theory that all Pokémon life began in the sea as so many fossils of ancient Pokémon have been discovered in the water. It's not long before Team Rocket also learn about the existence of these special Pokémon and set about spoiling the tour of the fossils that Professor Oak has arranged for Ash and his friends. Can Ash stop Team Rocket from stealing these newly discovered Pokémon?



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